



Eugene Nieland

December 18, 2011

Nieland, Eugene A. 85, of Edina, passed away peacefully December 4, 2011. Gene was born and raised in Minneapolis and graduated from Roosevelt HS in 1943. He enlisted in the US Navy, upon turning 18, and served for 2 years. He was a proud member of Theta Chi fraternity while attending the University of Minnesota, earned a business degree, and built a career in advertising, marketing and food brokerage. Gene founded and served as director of the Uptown Art Fair for 25 years. Gene enjoyed a life-long love of hockey, and served as a coach for many Edina youth teams including two State and National Bantam Champions, and as a member of the Edina Hockey Association Board of Directors. Gene and Jeanne were fortunate to enjoy 10 years up at their cabin in Minong, WI, and "wintered" in Destin, FL for 10 years. Gene also loved fishing and duck-hunting, and enjoyed so many good times with friends up in Canada. What a good life it was! Preceded in death by parents, Joseph and Emron Nieland, and many beloved relatives and friends. Survived and loved by wife of 61 years, Jeanne Koepke Nieland; sons, Todd (Barbara) and Scott Nieland; daughters, Carrie Woodley (Dave) and Lynn Nieland; grandchildren, Andrew, Christopher, Callyn, Madeline, Quinn and Kelby. Gene is also survived by wonderful friends who enriched his life greatly. Gene's family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Martin Luther Care Center for the loving care they gave him during his stay there. There will be a memorial service to celebrate Gene's life on Friday, December 23rd, 3:00 pm at Martin Luther Care Center, 1401 East 100th Street, Bloomington. There will

be family greet time one hour before the service and a reception/light supper following the service. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall



“ we were privileged to have "Mr. Nieland" as our bantam hockey coach. he taught the importance of sportsmanship as well as skill, and was one of the guys who put Edina hockey on the map.

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mike kelly

Contact Me

December 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my thoughts!

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Lisa Staunton,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Lisa Staunton - December 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gene...the earth is a better place for us to live because of him! Take care and may God give you strength! Mark Fossum, Park Rapids, Minnesota

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Mark Fossum,

Park Rapids, Minnesota

Contact Me

Mark Fossum - December 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am wondering if Jeanne Koepke Nieland was the daughter of Margerite Beltz and friend of my mother, Esther Doering Nixdorf MANY years ago in Athens. If so, I knew her when she visited in summers. If so, you may remember me and the Athens Fair. I lived in Edina until 06.

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marion nixdorf,

eau claire, Wisconsin

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marion nixdorf - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM