



Foster Strouts Merrill

October 31, 2016

Fos was born June 24, 1915 in Minneapolis, MN and died October 31, 2016 in Paynesville, MN. He's survived by sons, Mark (Elizabeth), Richard (Irma), and John (Sheila), and daughter, Ginger Trickett (Terry); plus 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He grew up in south Minneapolis, MN together with 4 younger siblings, all of whom have died, graduated from Washburn High School in 1934, graduated from Philadelphia Textile School in 1938, and married the love of his life, Virginia Ann Loechler (Jinny), in Minneapolis in 1940. Their marriage of 70 years served as a model of love and steadfastness for their children and grandchildren.

He worked in the textile industry most of his working life until semi-retirement in 1985, at which point he was half owner of Modern Quilters, which relocated from Minneapolis to Litchfield, MN in 1987. He continued to commute almost daily until 1995 from his home in Minnetonka, MN to the business in Litchfield, MN.

He and Jinny spent most winters in Lady Lake, FL from 1987 until she died in 2010 (also October 31). He was able to golf with his sons, daughter, their spouses, and friends until about 2013, when dementia and loss of stamina disabled him. He loved his grandchildren and his eyes lit up whenever he was around his great-grandchildren, whom he adored.

He moved in 2010 to a senior housing facility in Litchfield, in 2014 to an assisted living facility in Paynesville, and finally to Koronis Manor nursing home in Paynesville during the past year. A special thank you is extended to

Koronis Manor in Paynesville, MN for the loving care he received there.

Visitation will occur at 11:30 am and a funeral service celebrating his life will be held at 12:00 noon, Friday, November 4, 2016, at Lakewood Chapel, 3600 Hennepin Avenue (almost exactly 6 years following the funeral service for his wife, Jinny.)

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Chapel
3600 Hennepin Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55408
(612) 822-2171

Service

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Foster Strouts Merrill.*



November 02, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Foster Strouts Merrill.*



November 01, 2016 at 03:54 PM