



George Donald Stariha

February 29, 1932 - September 15, 2013

81 of Shoreview, MN passed away on September 15, 2013. He was a loving husband, wonderful father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Life will not be the same without him. Preceded in death by parents, first wife Marilyn, infant son George, stepson Michael Hayes, sisters Barbara Dekrell, Julia Swanson, and Gertrude Berg. Survived by loving wife Ruth, children Susan (Edward) Krenz, Stephen (Corinne), Scott (LouAnn), Sara (Rodney) Ellison, Shawn (Kimberly) and stepdaughter Kelly (Preston) Howe. Also survived by 22 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, brothers James , Clarence (Phil), Frank, Paul and Stuart, sisters Katherine, Mary, Florence, Janet, Beatrice, Lucille, Marcella, and Victoria, and many nieces, nephews and close friends. George enjoyed working 43 years with the Burlington Northern Railroad. His caring ways, his sense of humor and infectious smirk will always be a part of us. Visitation will be held on Friday September 20, 2013, 4:00-8:00 pm at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Highway 96 W, Shoreview, MN 55126 (651) 482-7606. Father Ron Olson will be speaking at 6 pm and also a time of sharing will follow. A celebration of George's life will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Christian Center, 7777 University Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 (763) 784-7777 with visitation 1 hour prior. Interment will be at Morningside Memorial Gardens, Coon Rapids, MN