



Gerald William Ballard

March 26, 1925 - August 28, 2019

Ballard, Gerald William "Jerry" Minneapolis, was born March 26, 1925, and passed away Wednesday, August 28, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mabel Ballard; sister, Rosellane Norstadt; his wife of 59 years, Elayne Ballard; and son, Michael Ballard. Jerry was an Army veteran of WWII where he earned the Purple Heart and Combat Infantry Badge. He graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska. He was a successful engineer at Armco Steel Corporation for several years. After leaving Armco he started Ballard Supply Company and retired at the age of 90. He was involved in many activities at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren, playing bridge, investment club, and many winters in Maui. Jerry always lit up a room with his positive attitude and quick sense of humor! He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Survived by his sister, Loraine Noble; daughters, Jane (Jim) and Barb (Tom Robinson); sons, Bill (Diana), Jim (Sam), Mark (Andrea); grandchildren, Ryan, Jessie, Andrew, Katie, Michael John, Samantha, Johnathan and Drew; Jack and Sam; Tom and Katherine; Steven and Becky; and 10 great-grandchildren. Service Wednesday September 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with visitation 9:00 a.m. at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Jerry Ballard Memorial Fund to help those in need who are working to complete their educational goals. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Angels are with you Jerry Ballard, allow them to do their thing. Will see you on the flip side my friend, so we can maybe finish our conversation from the past. And yes - I have brand-new eye glasses now.*

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