



Glenn M. "Rocky" Rye

March 20, 2014

Glenn M. Rye, "Rocky", age 88, of Edina, passed away at home on March 20, 2014. Glenn is survived by his loving wife of sixty-five years, Abby (Liepke); daughters, Karen Rye, and her children, Megan (James Tucker), Ryan, stepson Christopher Cook (Heather), and grandchildren Alex, Jude and Lukas; Susan Rye (Rafi Dworsky), and son Glenn; and Deborah Rye (Joe Kordosky) and children Abby and Tyler; sisters, Corinne Nelson (Harland) and Ella Magstadt; sister-in-law Gwenn Rye. Preceded in death by brother, Kenneth Rye. Glenn grew up on a farm, outside of Irene, South Dakota, the son of Marie and Martin Rye. After graduating high school, Glenn proudly served in the Navy from June 12, 1943 - May 10, 1946. He was a Radioman Third Class and was stationed on a destroyer (USS Fletcher) in the South Pacific. After World War II, Glenn relocated to Minneapolis, where he met his wife, Abby. Glenn was a police officer with the Golden Valley and Robbinsdale forces, but spent most of his ten-year career with the Minneapolis Police Department. Glenn left law enforcement to pursue thirty-three years in industrial sales and management with Smith Equipment. After his "retirement," he worked part-time with Premier Industries for another decade. Glenn loved life and people. He and wife, Abby, were very connected to home and family. They also enjoyed traveling the world, experiencing other cultures and making friends. Glenn's creative mind, mechanical ability, and physical strength, led to many dreams, ideas, and projects, at home and in the greater community.

Memorial Service will be held Friday, April 11, 2014 at 11:00 am with visitation one hour before the service at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. and Vernon Ave at Hwy 100, Edina. Interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery 1:45pm in assembly area # 2. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's charity of choice. www.washburn-mcreavy.com
Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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“ Share a memory of Glenn M. "Rocky" Rye, or send a condolence to the family...

Peter and I have been honored to have spent time with Rocky and Abby. Not only were they great friends our whole family embraced them and made them part of our family. Being from Cuba, raised in Miami you know I had to Cubanized my new family members, we did and they loved every Roast Pig, thanksgiving, Quince, Noche Buena and Christening. We enjoyed our outings together which was all about food and wine. Thanks for the memories and being more than friends. Go and have your Cafecitos with my Mima. Until we meet again. We love you.

Peter and Issy and all of our families that you became part of. God be with you.

Issy Reusch - April 10, 2014 at 08:49 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Glenn M. "Rocky" Rye.



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“ As his "baby sister" I have good memories of the days when I would be following my two older brothers, intrigued by their various "inventions" and activities. Glenn would always be the one who "tactfully" suggested I find something else to do. I will miss this fine fellow.. Ella Rye Magstadt



Ella Rye Magstadt - April 04, 2014 at 06:25 AM



“ What a great guy, what great uncle. Glenn and my Dad, Ken, were so close. Such great memories of going to the Minnesota Rye's place in the summer and riding horses. Glenn always took a personal interest in each person he talked to and truly cared for each one. He is greatly missed. Carla Rye Bichler



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Uncle Glenn was always interested in anything we were doing. He was always learning about new things himself. Like biorythums and the healing propertys of garlic and many uses for vinegar! If he was invited- he was there.

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