



Harvey Wilkins

October 10, 2007

Wilkins, Harvey Age 80, of Edina, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Born June 7, 1927 in Decorah, IA to Clarence and Violet (Vick) Wilkins. WWII Navy veteran, 1949 graduate of Luther College with a B.A. in Business. Married Charleen Wickett on May 6, 1950. Survived by his wife, Charleen; children, Mark (Beth) Wilkins, Michael (Kellie) Wilkins and Wendy (Roy) Reynolds; 5 grandchildren, Tim (Amy & her daughter Bayli) Wilkins, Tara (Erik) Sheridan, Jared Wilkins, Robby Reynolds and Joey Reynolds; sisters, Rosalie Gulbrandson, Charlene Kunkle and Charlotte Lee (deceased). Luther College bestowed on Harvey the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1979. He served on the Board of Regents for Luther College from 1980 to 1993. He also served on the board of Vesterheim Museum, Decorah, IA. Harvey and Charleen were the first members to sign the charter for the Lutheran Church of the Master, Edina. Spent winter months in Naples, FL. Members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples. Members of Woodlake Lutheran Church, Richfield. He was a member of the Mason Scottish Rite. Life member Royal Court of Jesters, Zuhrah Shrine Patrol, 25 years and past president in 1976. Harvey loved horseback riding and was a member of the Desert Caballeros and Caballeros Del Norte for 20 years. Harvey spent a lifetime in the automobile business starting with sales in Decorah, IA, before continuing in successful sales careers in the Twin Cities. In 1969, he acquired his first dealership, Wilkins Dodge/Toyota in St. Paul. Over time, other franchises included Pontiac, Fiat,

Lincoln Mercury, Hummer, Saab, Volkswagen, Daewoo and Yugo and for many years owned the Americar/Payless car rental franchises in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the Shriners Children's Hospital or donor's choice. Graveside service Friday, 1 PM at Lutheran Cemetery, Decorah, IA. Service Thursday, 11 AM at Woodlake Lutheran Church, 7525 Oliver Ave S. Visitation Wednesday (TODAY), 5-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100