



Howard Shaw

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Shaw, Howard A. - M.D. February 28, 1913-October 17, 2004 It didn't take long after Dr. Howard Shaw moved from Richfield to the Presbyterian Homes in Inver Grove Heights for fellow residents to begin calling him 'Doc'. A caring man who had given so much to medicine, he was happy to be known there for his lifetime work. Howie died at age 91 on Sunday of natural causes. Born and educated in Minneapolis, he and his new wife, Mary Ann, moved north after he received his M.D. degree in 1940 from the University of Minnesota. World War II ended his time as a country doctor, and he spent nearly four years as a medical officer in the U.S. Army Air Force, preparing for casualties from Allied invasions across the South Pacific. During the war, he became interested in the eye, and he returned to do a residency in ophthalmology which he practiced for 35 years until his retirement. Howie was well-known for his medical work. He taught for many years as a clinical professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the University, and in 1997, the Department honored him with its Distinguished Service Award. For more than a decade, he served as the Chief of Ophthalmology at the Hennepin County Medical Center, where the County Board of Commissioners awarded him with a Citation of Honor. He was also a past president of the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology. Sports played an important role in Howie's life. At West High School, he became the first Minnesota high school sprinter to run the 100-yard dash in under 10 seconds. He continued his running at the university, and in 1935 raced against the great Jesse Owens, who set three world

records and tied a fourth that afternoon-an experience Howie liked to talk about as 'a day of having cinders in my face.' An avid golfer as an adult, he played regularly until just a few years ago. It was at about that time that he began to write a novel that was almost finished at the time of his death. Howie was deeply religious. He had served on the vestry of his church, faithfully attended a men's Bible study group for years, and was active in numerous church activities throughout his lifetime. His first wife, Mary Ann, preceded him in death nineteen years ago, and his second wife, Dorothy, died last year. He leaves two sons, Douglas, and Bruce; and two step-children, Judy Tucker and Steve Thomson. In addition, he has three grandchildren; as well as several step-grandchildren; and step-great-grandchildren. Memorial Service Friday, 11AM at MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, W. 50th St. & Knox Ave. So., Minneapolis. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Vision Foundation. Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996.