



Irving Skelly

May 3, 2005

Skelly "Mike" Irving Thomas passed away on April 30th. Mike was born October 10, 1928, and grew up in Crystal. He attended Robbinsdale HS, served in the United States Marine Corps and graduated from the University of Minnesota. While at the University, he met and married his college sweetheart, Betty. They recently celebrated their fifty-fourth anniversary. Mike is survived by his beloved wife, Betty; daughters, Kathy and Peggy; sons, Michael (Kim) and Patrick (Denise) and four grandchildren. Mike's careers took him full circle. He started working in the liquor industry with his father at the Skelly Liquor Store in North Minneapolis. He owned a construction company, obtained his realtor's license, and began brokering liquor establishments. He was involved with several bars throughout the Twin Cities and then bought his own bar, the 10-50 Club in Corcoran. Mike was very proud of his Irish heritage. He typified a charming, mischievous, story-telling Irishman. Friends and customers were touched by his generous, warm-spirited personality. Mike will be deeply missed by his family and friends who mourn his passing, but are comforted in the knowledge that he "lived a life that's full, traveled each and every highway, and more, much more than this, he did it his way." Visitation will be WEDNESDAY, May 4 from 5-8 PM at the Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home at 4239 West Broadway in Robbinsdale (763-537- 2333). Funeral Services are FRIDAY, May 6 at 11 AM at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Corcoran, with visitation one hour prior. Interment will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Maple Grove.