



Irwin Wesley Nelson

April 22, 1923 - March 13, 2012

Age 88, of St. Paul Passed peacefully from his family's loving care on March 13, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Sally; sons, Steven(Cynthia) and Gregory(Deborah). Also survived by grandchildren, Brent(Katie), Craig(Katie), Carrie (James) Gentz, Marla (Michael) and Beth, great-grandson, Joseph.; brothers, Ozzie (Sandy) Nelson, Milton (Joanne) Nelson, and sister, Marilyn Nelson. He will be dearly missed by many brothers and sister in laws, nieces and nephews and friends. Irwin was born in Mpls on April 22, 1923 and grew up in Stanchfield MN. He proudly served as Staff Sargent in WWII and completed 37 aerial combat missions in Africa, Italy and Germany. He had an avid mechanical mind that he used developing outboard motors at Scott Atwater and refrigeration systems at Thermo King. Irwin was deeply devoted to his community at Hamline Methodist Church and enjoyed managing the dining hall with Sally at the State Fair. He enjoyed spending time at "the cabin" in Wisconsin, but most of all loved the time he spent with his wife, children and grandchildren and was looking forward to three new great grandchildren. He will always be remembered as a kind man with a big heart. The family would like to thank the staff at St. John's Oncology, your kindness and care is greatly appreciated. We will truly miss our loving Dad and Gpa! Funeral service 10:30 am Saturday, March 17 (visitation from 9:30-10:30 am)at HAMLIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Englewood & Asbury. Visitation 4-8 pm Friday at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 W. Hwy 96,

SHOREVIEW. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials in Irwin's honor will be directed to multiple Hamline Methodist endowments.