



Jack G Flint

November 12, 1919 - March 6, 2012

Died peacefully on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at age 92, in Presbyterian Homes, Langton Place, Roseville. Born on November 12, 1919 in Burlington IA, he was raised in St. Paul and attended St. Thomas Military Academy. At a St. Thomas dance, he met Bettie Belle Hanson, his one and only love-they had been married 67 years when she died in November 2008. Jack and Bettie attended the U. of M. together, and married soon after Jack started veterinary school at Cornell in New York. He loved the animals he cared for, and he was a big-hearted large animal vet until the day he died, telling Herriot-like stories from his nursing home chair. He worked as a large animal vet in solo practices, first in Waterford WI, then Faribault MN. In 1956, he began his work in regulatory vet. med, as a traveling vet. with the MN State Livestock Sanitary Board, now named the MN Board of Animal Health. He quickly rose to lead that organization as the executive secretary/director, beginning in 1960 and continuing until his retirement in 1984. He was known for his integrity and fairness, as he worked to administer the rules and programs, balancing the interests of the agency, the public, and the livestock producers. Once retired, he spent many years volunteering for the Red Cross and Cancer Society, first delivering blood to hospitals across the twin cities, later driving cancer patients to treatment. In addition, he delivered Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at his church. He and Bettie enjoyed their lake home on Turtle Lake in Shoreview, and children and grandchildren have many fond memories of playing in the clear water, and hanging out with Grandpa. Until his final days,

he cheerfully engaged those around him with genuine interest, and a lively sense of humor. He will be missed. He is survived by sons Greg (Susan) and Peter (Jan Symchych), grandchildren Nate (Gina), Emily, Alison (Adam St. Pierre) and Becca, and great grandchildren Natalie and John Michael. A celebration of his life will be held at the Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home; 515 Highway 96 W, Shoreview, MN, on Friday, March 23rd at 2:00 PM. Memorials preferred, to the American Red Cross-St. Paul, national, or your local chapter. The family wishes to extend deep appreciation to the caring, and attentive staff at Presbyterian Homes - Langton Place and the skilled Allina Hospice team- for all the support and kindness they gave to Jack in his final stretch.