



James A. Karigan

November 15, 2014

Karigan, James A. of Edina, MN. Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Nov. 15 at the age of 87. He was born on Aug 8, 1927 in Dubuque, IA. He graduated as the Valedictorian from Dubuque Senior High. He received both his undergraduate and law degree from the University of Chicago. He was board certified in 3 states. His first job was in Washington, DC with the National Labor Relations Board and soon thereafter transferred to Minneapolis where he met the love of his life, Dena. He spent 45 years as a partner with the law firm Robins Kaplan Miller & Ciresi. He was an active member and former President of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church and AHEPA. He loved reading & music, was an accomplished violist, a championship tennis player and a world traveler. He was a gentle and humble man, a quiet philanthropist, and dedicated to his family. He will be especially remembered as a gifted speaker and master storyteller. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew & Violet Karigan and his brother, Frank. He is survived by his beloved wife Dena, of 61 years; his son Andrew of Newport Coast, CA; his daughter Pamela (Jerry) Nelson, of Minneapolis; his daughter Nadine (Gary) Barber, of La Jolla, CA; his grandchildren Andrew & Nicolette Bodine, and James & Nicholas Nelson. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces & nephews and many friends. Visitation Wed, Nov 19 from 6-8 pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel with Trisagion Service at 6 pm. Funeral service Thursday, Nov 20 at 11:30 am at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis. Interment to follow at Lakewood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the church. Special thanks to the staff of Heritage of Edina and St. Croix Hospice for their compassion and loving care. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996