



James Shaft

March 25, 2012

Shaft, James "Jim" age 89, of Mpls. Born May 13, 1922, died March 22, 2012 surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Shirley, and all four of his brothers. Survived by daughter, Leslie (Greg) and son, James C. (Sherry); grandchildren, Mark Berg (Shannon), Chris Berg; great-grandchild, Ava Berg; sister-in-law, Evelyn Bjerk. Jim was the first co-captain of the Mpls Henry High School varsity football team and the first in his family to graduate high school. He was a WW II veteran of the U.S. Merchant Marines, Sept. 1942 - Dec. 1945, attaining the rank of 3rd Engineer. A 30-year employee of the Mpls Water Dept. as an operating engineer and loyal and active union member. Jim has been a lifetime North Mpls resident. He also spent as much time as possible (over 47 years) at his favorite lake cabin which he built on Fish Lake, Pierz, MN. He loved to hunt, fish and play cards. Jim was a wonderful husband, father and friend. He was one of the best of The Greatest Generation to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed. Interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. Funeral service 2 PM Tuesday, March 27, with visitation one hour before service, all at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677 Penn & Dowling Aves N.