



James P. Tuff

July 18, 2014

Tuff, James P. 89, of Bloomington, died Friday, July 18, 2014 from complications due to an auto accident. He was lovingly surrounded by his family, and passed away peacefully during their story telling. He will be greatly missed! Jim was born Feb. 24, 1925 to Peter and Melia (Bothum) Tuff in Halma, MN. He attended Karlstad HS. At 17 he enlisted in the Marines, and proudly served in the South Pacific during World War II. Upon returning to the US, he met his Navy wife, Ollie Jane Stahl. They were married on the Bride and Groom radio show in Hollywood in 1946. Returning to Minneapolis, he studied mechanical engineering at the U. Jim worked his entire career for Honeywell Residential in purchasing, customer service, and marketing. It was briefly interrupted by service in the Marines during the Korean War. Jim and Ollie moved to Bloomington in 1955 and adopted 3 children. He left a lasting imprint of his love on us, and on his grandchildren. His other calling was to gather people together. Whether it was for family and family reunions, or in church and neighborhood get-togethers, dad sought to strengthen the bonds of family and community alike. We remember the BBQs, his amazing pot roast, and pancakes. Jim was active in the Episcopal Church, helping to found St. Patrick's, and most recently at St. Alban's Edina. He was a member of the Jaycees, Ham and Eggs, Sons of Norway, Richfield VFW, and Marine Corps League. He was always active in the community, in politics and in his volunteering. He enjoyed visiting fellow vets at the VA Hospital. He loved photography, taking movies, and learning how to share them on Facebook.

Another great passion was traveling. Together Ollie and Jim traveled around the world from Africa to the Great Wall of China, from shopping in Bali to piranha fishing off an Amazon river boat. Jim traveled the world, but remained grounded in faith, family and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Ollie; his parents; and his brother, Jack. He is survived by his daughter, Marta (Mike) Maddy; sons, Peter (Angie) Tuff and Matt (Rachel) Tuff; grandchildren, Sarah, Erin, Ateala, Nora, Katlyn, Jordan, Erik, Armand, Aiden; and great-grandsons, Jameson and Kyler. Jim's family wishes to thank Liz, Dr. Beilman and Dr. Benn, local friends, neighbors and the Rev. John Peters and the community of St. Alban's for their care. Burial 10:30 AM Monday, Aug. 4 at Fort Snelling, with full Marine Corps Honors. Funeral Service Sat., Aug. 2, 1:00 PM at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 6716 Gleason Rd., Edina. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the church and also Fri., Aug. 1, 5-7 PM at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd.