



Johan M. Larsen

April 21, 2017

Larsen, Johan M. of Eden Prairie and formerly of Edina passed away on April 21 at the age of 95. Johan was born in Astoria, South Dakota, the youngest child of Alf and Gelena Larsen. He spent his childhood on the family farm. In 1940, he moved to Minneapolis and secured a job with McGinnis Aviation, later moving to Van Dusen Aircraft Supplies. So began his 77-year love affair with aviation. In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served in the Pacific. Johan embarked on his career in the automotive industry as a manufacturer's representative in 1949. In the early 1960's, he started collecting and restoring antique aircraft. As kids it was always a treat when Dad would take us up in one of his old "birds". He was particularly proud of the Waco UPF7 that he and his brother, Vernon, restored. Johan was outgoing and enjoyed belonging to a variety of organizations including OX5 Club, Cosmopolitan Club, and Sons of Norway. In later years, Johan split his time between Minnesota and Mesa, AZ where golf was frequently on the agenda. Johan is survived by his daughter, Linda Channel; granddaughters Leah Larsen, Coryn Larsen and Magdalene Kelly; great grandchildren, Dominic and Nevaeh; stepsons, Thomas (Beth) Larsen and Scott (Sandra) Larsen; step-grandson, Nicholas (Amanda) Larsen; nieces and nephews. Johan was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Joanne; his son, Todd Larsen; his brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Evelyn Larsen; his sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Arnold Hansen; and his son-in-law, Alan Seaton. The family would like to thank Brenda Master- john, RN of Summit Place for the care and

friendship she extended to Johan. A memorial will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 11:00 AM at the Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400 7625 Mitchell Rd. (1 blk. N. of Hwy 5)