Mr. John Mathew Cooner

November 11, 1925 - April 18, 2019

Cooner, John Mathew Age 93 of Bloomington, passed away April 18, 2019 at Presbyterian Homes. John was born Nov. 11, 1925 in Jasper, AL to Samuel and Thelma (Johnsey) Cooner. On the day he graduated high school he left for basic training in the U.S. Air Corp. After the war he attended U of AL. On June 26, 1948 John married Joyce Donovan in Madison, Wisc. Their young family moved to Mpls., in 1953, as John began his long career with Republic Airlines. John was a long time member of Hillcrest United Methodist Church. He was an early member and avid supporter of the St. Paul Science Museum, a senior member of local lodge 1833 International Assoc. of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and a American Legion member. John's true passion was Astronomy and long time member of Mn. Astronomical Society. John always enjoyed a day of fishing on his favorite lake and showing off his extensive garden and sharing it's bounty. He is survived by daughters Mary (Tom) Joyce, Julia (Patrick) O'Halloran; Sons David Cooner, Tom (Monica) Cooner; daughter-in-law Gayle Cooner, grandsons Peter (Freda) Cooner, Jacob (Natalie) Cooner and great granddaughter Alafair Cooner, and other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by wife Joyce in 2014, son Jack in 2012, brother Kenneth and his parents. Memorials preferred to Loaves and Fishes or MN Landscape Arboretum. Funeral service 11am Saturday, April 27 with visitation one hour prior at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 9100 Russell Ave. S., Bloomington. Private interment at Ft. Snelling at a later date. Washburn-McReavy.com Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686