



## John Joseph McSwiggen

September 19, 2018

McSwiggen, John Joseph Age 95, died September 19, 2018 in Hopkins, Minnesota at Augustana Care Chapel View Health Care Center. Funny, smart, loving, John was born 12/30/1922 in Duluth, Minnesota to John, Sr and Elizabeth McSwiggen. Fifth of 6 children, he joined the depression era New Deal Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC's) and worked on the Gunflint Trail from 1940-41. He joined the US Navy in 1942 and spent much of WWII in the Pacific. Thanks to the GI Bill, he attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering. There he met his future wife, Jean Earley, also a student on the GI Bill. In 1948 they married. Together they raised eight children while he worked at Honeywell as an engineer. John was a leader of the Glen Lake Explorers 4-H club for 17 years. The club had numerous adventures, summer and winter camping and canoeing. After retirement, he spent many years wiring houses with Habitat for Humanity along with projects at his children's homes during their annual driving trips across the US to visit them. Survived by his wife of 70 years, Jean, daughter Margaret (Daniel Carr), sons John (Patricia Drexler), Michael (Jackie Richens), Peter (Barbara Meier), James (JoAnne Trombley), Patrick (Tara Smith), Robert (LuAnn), David (Crystal Lundy); nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren, plus numerous wonderful nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held October 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka, MN, 10:00 AM visitation, 11:00 AM Mass, 1:45 PM Burial at Fort Snelling Cemetery (Lane #2), 3:00 PM Celebration of Life at

Bald Man Brewing, Eagan, MN. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. Contributions may also be made in lieu of flowers.  
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