



John Alfred Nelson

November 1, 1922 - June 30, 2019

John A. Nelson of North Oaks, MN passed away at age 96 on June 30, 2019. Born in Duluth, MN on November 1, 1922 to Alfred and Carrie Nelson. A professional photographer (Jon Photography) for over 45 years in Duluth, MN, he was a charter member of Mount of Olives Baptist Church, past president of the West End Business and Civic Club, past president of the Minnesota Professional Photographer Association, life member of DAV, active in Boy Scout Troop 102 (Pike Lake, MN), the Duluth Lions Club and the Arrowhead Amateur Radio Club.

John graduated from Denfeld High School in Duluth (1942) and received additional education at Duluth Junior College and the University of Delaware. He entered the US Army and WW II in 1943, being twice wounded in combat while fighting with the 104th Timber Wolf Infantry in Holland. He was married to the love of his life Virginia B. Erickson for 69 years.

John is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia (nee Erickson); son, Thomas James Nelson; great-grandson, Thomas James Nelson II; parents, Alfred and Carrie Nelson; brother, Henry and sisters, Nellie, Anna and Mable.

Survived by three sons, John Daniel Nelson (Carol), Bruce Allen Nelson (Dale Jean) and Brian Jon Nelson (Kathy); daughter-in-law, Diane Nelson; 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service will be held at 2 PM on Monday, July 8, 2019 (visitation 1-2PM) at Waverly Gardens, 5919 Centerville Road, North Oaks, MN.

Interment Oneota Cemetery Duluth, MN 11:30 AM Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

Memorials preferred to Waverly Gardens, North Oaks.