



## John K. Teman

December 21, 2012

Teman, John K. WWII C-47 Vet, Age 92, of Eden Prairie, MN passed away Dec. 21, 2012. Jack, as he was known to many, was born on Sept. 5, 1920 to Stein and Olga Teman in Duluth, MN where he grew up with his older brother Sidney, and sisters Violet and Lucille. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, John enlisted in the Army Air Corps and received his wings in December, 1943. John went on to fly his C-47 airplane in most of the major battles in Europe, especially those in France (including D-Day) for which he has recently been awarded the Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French government, its highest military honor. During and after the war, John received (7) Bronze Stars, (3) Air Medals, and (2) Croix de Guerre medals. Following the war, John received a degree in accounting, and then went to work for IDS in Mpls, MN. One evening, his boss Rudy invited him home for dinner where he introduced John to his daughter Jean. It was not too long after that dinner that this pretty young nurse became John's wife. In the late 50's, John and Jean settled in Eden Prairie, MN where they raised their three children. After buying the old Clark homestead at the current site of the Eden Prairie Clock Water Tower, they also purchased 36 acres of land just NW of what is now the intersection of Singletree Ln. and Eden Rd. During the 60's, 70's, 80's and early 90's, John was instrumental in the development of this and other land around the EP Shopping Center area. John lost his beautiful wife Jean to cancer in 2000, and his daughter Nora earlier this year, but had stayed very involved with Pastor Scott at the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, with whom he

has worked closely with over the years to help provide food for their Inner-City Outreach program. John is survived by his oldest son Ken, who helped care for him at his townhouse in Eden Prairie, as well as his youngest son Bill and his wife Margie, who live in Seattle, WA where they have raised John's only (6) grandkids (Justin, Aaron, Philip, Tanya, Katie and Jonnie). John is also survived by his nephews Don and Bob Pellinen (sons of Violet) who live in California, but have enjoyed spending time with their uncle whenever possible. John still had "fire in the belly," as he liked to say, until the Lord took him to be with Jean again. His smile and laughter will be missed by all who loved and knew him. A memorial service to honor John will be held on Friday, Dec., 28th at 4pm at the Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Rd., Eden Prairie, MN 55344, (952) 975-0400. John will be laid to rest at Ft. Snelling with his wife Jean at a later date in 2013. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be sent to: Mount Olivet Lutheran Church Outreach, 5025 Knox Ave S. Mpls., MN 55419, Attn. Pastor Linton Scott.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 28. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Many memories of a very generous man. My first was as a young girl coming to Mpls for doctor appts at the U. It was a scary time but not at the Teman home. We always felt welcome and I looked forward to times with Nora.*

*Later when moving here after college I enjoyed visits with Jack either at his home or at ours. He would share stories about his service (but never about his bravery) during the war or growing up with a strict father but a very loving mother...and this was our link. Our Swedish heritage. I too was the recipient of a roast or two and I knew he always felt good to be able to give to others. It is a wonderful legacy to be known - including his good soul, huge heart, warm smile and hearty laugh.*

*Kenny & Bill - this has been a difficult year for your/our family and know that you will be in our prayers in the days ahead. You are greatly loved.*

*Your cousins,  
Scott, Camille, Will & Josh (Pearson) Walz  
Maple Plain, MN*

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**Camille Pearson Walz** - December 27, 2012 at 06:07 PM



“ *1 file added to the album John K. Teman*



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**William Teman** - December 23, 2012 at 03:39 PM

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*ken and bill sorry to hear of you fathers passing. your father was a good and generous man. we were always glad to see him when he came back to north dakota.he always insisted on having a big party and grilling up steaks for all to share.my dad (ruben pearson) and his brother (doug) shared many good stories and a few drinks with jack. we called him uncle jack and we always enjoyed his company.as i got older we made a few trips down to see the twins and your dad always treated us like kings. he and your mother were gracious hosts and made us feel welcome. we will miss his smile and that big laugh. eric and susan pearson*

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**eric thomas pearson** - December 27, 2012 at 02:19 PM