



Joseph Stoutenburgh

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Stoutenburgh Joseph S. Stoutenburgh Sr. of Edina. Service Sat., Nov. 13, 3:00 PM, Christ Presbyterian Church, 70th St. & Hwy. 100. Joe was a 1945 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and served aboard the USS Minneapolis in the Pacific Theater. In 1948 he received his BSEE (engineering) from MIT and later became a member of the Department of Electrical Engineering teaching staff at the Naval Academy. His next assignment, as Ships Superintendent, Joe contributed greatly to the technological modernization of the Navy's submarine fleet. In 1957, he was selected by the Bureau of Ships as one of the chief architects of NTDS (Naval Tactical Data Systems). This project revolutionized the defense and communication systems of America's naval and air forces, forever altering the nature of tactical warfare and defense of the United States and her allies. In recognition of this service to his country, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, the highest honor that can be bestowed in peacetime. He resigned active duty in 1962 as Commander, USN, and continued to serve in the Naval Reserve, attaining the rank of Captain in 1972 and retiring in 1982. In 1964, he moved his family to Minneapolis to take a position with Sperry Univac in the Defense Systems Division. He left Sperry in 1968 to lead ATRON Corporation, serving as President and Chairman of the Board. He rejoined Sperry in 1974, eventually becoming Vice President of Defense Systems Engineering. He was preceded in death by his parents, G.H. and Louise Stoutenburgh; sister, Betty Holland; brother, Holden; stepfather, Adm. D. Ward Harrigan; and grandson, Samuel James Olson. Joe

is survived by the love of his life, Sally, his devoted wife of 53 years; children, Terry (Larry) Harvard, Anne (Brooks) Mason, Kit (Dave) Olson, Joe (Cathy), Dan (Uschi), and Robert. Also his precious grandchildren, Briana, Laura, Peter, Jonathan, Tori, Sarah, Bethany, Christopher, Frances and Anna, each of whom brought him great joy. Also surviving are other wonderful relatives and friends. He exemplified a life of duty, loyalty and devotion. Many treasured his sense of humor and generous spirit. His love of God, country, the Navy, friends, golf, tennis and above all, family will never be forgotten. The family extends thanks to Drs. Gotlieb, Weinshel, Armstrong; Stacy, Gretchen, Hertis, Jamy, Bruce and the whole amazing staff on Fairview Southdale's 8th floor who lovingly cared for Dad. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the church, American Heart Assn. or American Lymphoma Society. Thanks for the many gifts you've given us! Roots and wings - we will love you forever!
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