



Ken Merritt

November 8, 2006

Merritt, Ken Age 81 Of Minnetonka Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Nov. 6, 2006. Preceded in death by parents, Mert and Marie; and granddaughter, Kelsi Joy Merritt. Survived by loving wife of 57 years, Louise; children Mike (Cherie) of Fargo; Pat (Bill) Baillie of Minnetonka; Rob (Denise) of Howard Lake; Tom of Lindstrom; John (Sue) of Minnetonka; brother Bob of Fargo; 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; 3 nieces; many friends and other relatives; and devoted dog, Arly. A graduate of Hamline University, where he also played basketball, and of the University of St. Thomas. Dad taught high school for 37 years in the Hopkins, Pipestone and Winthrop, Minn., school districts, and coached basketball and football. He loved the outdoors and counted the times he spent fishing with family and friends among his most cherished memories. A special thanks to Mary and to the nurses and staff at Methodist Hospital Hospice for the care they provided for Dad in his final days. Visitation on Wed. Nov. 8, from 5-7PM, at STROBECK-JOHNSON FUNERAL CHAPEL, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Mass of Christian Burial Thurs. Nov. 9 at 11AM, with visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka. Private interment at St. Margaret's Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the family, who will divide them equally between the Kelsi Joy Merritt Scholarship Fund and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020