



Lawrence Mantini

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Mantini, Lawrence Charles Former Professor in Romance Linguistics at the University of Minnesota, died on April 3, 2009 after a long and courageous battle with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). Dr. Mantini was born in Chisholm, MN into an Italian immigrant family. He attended school in Chisholm until enrolling in Hibbing Community College. He was drafted in 1942 and served in the invasions of North Africa and Sicily in Patton's Third Army, 2nd Armored Division. He spent the duration of the war as an Italian language translator for Military Government. After returning to Minnesota and obtaining his Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, he completed his Master's degree and accepted a government job in Washington, D.C. where he remained until returning to the University of Minnesota in the early 1960's to teach romance languages and linguistics for many years. Upon his retirement in 1990, he volunteered in both Robbinsdale and Osseo as a teacher of English to foreign students. Larry is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; son, David (Stephanie); grandsons, Michael and Andrew; sisters, Catherine and Mafalda, and other friends and relatives. A memorial service will be held on Sat., April 25, 2009 at 2:00 PM at Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, MN 55429. Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Therapy Development Institute (www.als.net) at 215 First Street, Cambridge, MA 02142, or to donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy Swanson Chapel 612-529-9691