



Leonard Samuelson

August 26, 2004

Samuelson Leonard W. Samuelson Jr., age 79, passed away in his sleep Monday, August 23, 2004. Lennie was our beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend. Survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Connie Samuelson, his faithful companion and dear friend. He is survived by his children, Bill Samuelson, Julie Ottomeyer (Donald), Tom Samuelson (Cathie), John Samuelson (Darla). Papa will be deeply missed by his 6 grandchildren, Christina and James Ottomeyer, Benjamin, Ethan, Maxwell and Alexander Samuelson. Lennie, Dad or Papa was a man who brought love of life to many with his heart of gold. He was born February 19, 1925 in St. Paul, MN and graduated from West High School in 1943. Lennie loved his country and felt it was an honor to serve and joined the Air Force and became a fighter pilot. Upon the completion of the war, he married Connie in 1949 and received his Civil Engineering degree from the University of Minnesota. He was later recalled for the Korean War. Upon his return he worked for both Pearson Brothers and J.W. Craig construction companies before starting his own firm. But Lennie knew there was a larger purpose and reminded us of our responsibility to God, our family, and community. Therefore, he served on the Redeemer Lutheran Church council and also as President. He was also elected to the Fridley City Council, he served on the Viking Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award, and also received the WCCO Good Neighbor Award. Lennie was also an avid sportsman and he taught us that we cannot always take from the bounty of nature, but we must

give back and make a sustaining contribution to ensure the resource we loved would become a better place. For that reason, he committed himself to Ducks Unlimited and served as Hennepin County Chairman, MN State Chairman, Regional and Senior Vice President, Director of DU United States and Canada, and National Trustee 1977-91. As a result of his hard work and devotion, he was awarded the Distinguished Director and the Jimmy Robinson Sportsman of the Year awards. Lennie was a beloved father figure to many and he instilled the values of caring, honesty, confidence, and integrity. Lennie will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held Thursday, August 26 at 11 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 61 Mississippi Way NE, Fridley. Private interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. If so desired, memorials may be given to Ducks Unlimited or Redeemer Lutheran Church. Washburn-McReavy 612-377-2203