



Luverne "Vern" Tolzmann

February 9, 2010

Tolzmann, Luverne Robert Vern Tolzmann, age 75, died Friday, February 5th, 2010 at N.C. Little Hospice after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on July 20th, 1934 to Leona and Alfon Tolzmann in Minnesota Lake, MN. Vern served as a Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton in southern California. After service, he attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in agricultural education. He then went on to be a top salesman for Morrell and Company. In 1960, he founded Tolzmann Mink and Fox Ranches. For decades, he was a world renown rancher. He was well known for having created and trademarked the Chrisalbeth fox. Vern also served on the board of EMBA. In 1991, Vern sold his business, and became a successful stockbroker/investment banker. He continued working enthusiastically until his illness. Vern was a wonderful father, husband, friend, and brother: kindhearted, generous, optimistic, and loving, with a gift of good humor and excellent conversation. He is survived by his wife, Alice of Edina; daughters, Elizabeth Radichel (Brad) of Edina, and Christina Tolzmann Klemm (Peter) of Washington, CT; granddaughters, Darlene and Christina Radichel and Natalie Klemm; brother, Meldren Tolzmann and sisters, Marjorie Moore, Shirley Schroeder, and Delilah Burmeister. Vern's spirit lives on in the hearts of his family and friends and those who knew him. Services will be held Thursday, 1:30 PM at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S., Minneapolis. Pastor Paul Youngdahl officiating. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996