



Major Mayhlon L. Degernes Jr.

July 23, 2018

Degernes, Major Mayhlon L., Jr. (USMC Ret'd) 91 Passed away peacefully at his home in Bloomington, MN on July 23, 2018 surrounded by loved ones. Survived by his loving wife, Marleen (Carpentier) Degernes and Degernes children, Mike (Judy), Laurie (Julia Storm), Chris, and Dan as well as Degernes grandsons, Erik and Alex (Kate). Mal is also survived by 8 step-children, Cindy (Rudolph) Anonsen, Robin (Sandy) Kellin, Lori Anonsen, Traci (Doug) Lawman, Brian (Susan) Jaskowiak, Marybeth (Nick) Kowalenko, Juleen (David) Close and Carrie (Scott) Moe. He also has 20 step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren. Mal is preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Constance Jones Degernes; second wife, Marlys Anonsen Degernes; and sister Marjorie Rogers. Mal was born in Bagley, MN on October 12, 1926 to Mayhlon and Ruth Degernes. The family moved to Minneapolis where Mal was raised. He was an Eagle Scout and graduated from Roosevelt High School followed by his enlistment in the Navy during WWII. After his time in the Navy, Mal graduated from the University of Minnesota, and was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps. Mal served until his retirement in 1967. Mal fought in the Korean War, landing at Inchon and also fought at the Chosin Reservoir where as one of the Chosin Few, he received the Silver Star. While in Korea, he also received the Purple Heart with a Gold Star and was awarded the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal. After his retirement from the USMC, Mal spent 15 years as a City Manager in several cities including Montevideo, MN. A

memorial service for Mal will be held August 9th 4pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 8600 E. Bush Lake Rd. Bloomington with visitation one hour prior to the service. Dinner will follow at the church. Mal will be interred on Friday August 10th at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests Semper Fi Fund, 825 College Boulevard, Suite 102 PMB 609, Oceanside CA 92057. Semper Fi. Mal was greatly loved and we will all miss him. washburn-mcreavy.com Bloomington Chapel 952-884-8145