



## Melvin "Mel" Whelan

February 15, 2009

Whelan, Melvin J. "Mel" age 87, of Minnetonka passed away February 12 of a brain hemorrhage. He died peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mary Grace, who was the love of his life. He is further survived by his sons, Michael, Thomas (Jane) and William; his daughters, Mary Kay (Peter), Margaret (John), Patricia (Steve), Elizabeth (Jim) and Jean (Scott); 10 grandsons and 10 granddaughters; and his sisters, Eileen Morlan and Betty Flynn. Mel was born in Winnipeg, Canada. He attended Holy Name School and Central High School in Mpls., the University of St. Thomas and the University of MN. Mel was a First Lieutenant in the Air Force and a WWII veteran. He was the owner of Whelan Co. Inc. and had been retired for 28 years. He also served as the past president of Metro/MN PHCC and past secretary of the National Association of PHCC. Mel enjoyed woodworking, biking, walking, traveling, and nature. He cherished spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. Mel's family was his pride and joy. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor and his love for his family. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, February 17th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka at 11 AM. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Intercongregational Communities Association (ICA) Food Shelf. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952-938-9020