



## Melvin Olson

October 16, 2005

Olson, Melvin E. age 92, of Edina, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 14, 2005, surrounded by loving family after a very full life. Born on a farm to Nels & Anna Olson on August 13, 1913 in Dunnell, MN, Mel spent his high school years in Hibbing. He served 6 years in the Army & 32 years on the eastern seaboard with the federal government, retiring in 1968 as Supervisory Traffic Management Specialist, where he supervised a division of 700 employees in major cargo transportation for the military. Returning to Edina, MN, Mel devoted countless hours to community service, including many positions of leadership with the Zuhrah Temple, the Swedish Institute, and his church. He and his beloved wife, LaVerne, enjoyed many trips to foreign destinations with family & friends, and, an avid fisherman, he was happiest with a pole in hand. Mel was preceded in death by his first wife, Marjorie Rosevear, and sisters, Mabel Nasby & Ruth Swink. In addition to his wife, LaVerne, he is survived by nieces & nephews, stepchildren and a granddaughter. Memorial service Thurs., Oct. 20, 11:30 AM at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 500 Blake Rd., Edina. Private interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the church, Shriners Hospital in St. Paul, or the Masonic Homes in Bloomington. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996