



Michael P. Rak

February 14, 2016

Rak, Michael P. Age 94, of NE Minneapolis and Columbia Heights, passed away peacefully on 2/14/16. Preceded in death by wife, Vivianne, parents John and Agnes Rak, sister Mary Gawel, brothers Joe and John Rak. Also preceded by other members of the Rak and Peterson families. Mike was born in Columbia Heights in 1921 to John and Agnes (Luberda) Rak. He graduated from Columbia Heights high school in 1939. He was a proud WWII US Army veteran who served with the Headquarters and Service Company, 316th Engineer Company, 91st Infantry Division. He was awarded the American Theater Service medal, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service medal and the WWII Victory medal. He was married to Vivianne Peterson in 1942. They resided in NE Mpls for over 60 years. Mike was a life-long member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights. Mike was a self-employed welder. His true sporting passion was the game of golf. He was an excellent golfer who played mostly at Gross and Columbia Golf Courses. At age 91, he drew a detailed map of the old Hilltop Public Golf Links course and was interviewed for the book, "Fore! Gone. Minnesota's Lost Golf Courses, 1897-1999" by Joe Bissen. A gentle and sweet man, he had sparkly blue eyes and a quiet sense of humor. He was a true gentleman. We will sadly miss him. Survived by sister-in-law, Delores Rak and 36 loving nieces and nephews of the Rak and Peterson families. Our thanks to his caregivers at the Lighthouse of Columbia Heights and from Allina Health Palliative Care. Rest in Peace, Uncle Mike. Mass of

Christian Burial at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE, Columbia Heights on Thursday, 2/25/16 at 10:30 am. Visitation one hour prior at the church.