



Norbert McCrady

December 12, 2010

McCrady, Norbert A. age 87 of Eden Prairie, passed away December 9. Norb was born in Owatonna MN. He served with the US Army Red Bull Division during WWII. He was a long-time political activist in Minnesota and nationally, beginning in 1954 as Steele County Treasurer, and later as the Republican Party's unsuccessful candidate for Secretary of State. His political persuasion evolved over the years as he supported various progressive causes. Norbert was very passionate about such issues as women's rights and economic equality between the haves and have-nots. For many years he was a lobbyist and association executive advocating to limit the power of large national banks, a cause he continued to support as a writer and consultant in his retirement years. Norbert enjoyed life immensely and engaged in a wide variety of interests. He loved to sing, and rarely passed an opportunity to take the microphone, including stand-ins with Doc Evans, Harry Blons, Bob Crosby & the Bobcats, the Turkey River All Stars, the Pigs Eye Jass Band, and Ruth Adams & the World's Most Dangerous Polka Band. He enjoyed many Sunday nights at the Prom Ballroom providing vocals with the Jules Herman Band, and at the Steele County Fair with the Armond Rezac Band. In his retirement years he was probably most proud of his singing gigs and good friendships with the Jurassic Trio and the Jazz Jammers, and all great musicians who welcomed him into their bands. Preceded in death by parents Harry and Laura (Sette) McCrady; grandson, Bobby Kaltenbach; brother, Malcolm; and daughter-in-law, Sandy McCrady. Survived by wife Natalie; children, Tom

McCrary, New Richland; Mary McCrary, Maple Grove; John McCrary, Deephaven; Mike, Minnetonka; and Ann (Pat) Colburn, Bloomington; and 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of dear friends. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials suggested to area Foodshelves, Minnesota Stroke Association, Haiti Outreach, or donor's choice. A celebration of Norb's life will be 1:30 PM Thursday December 16, with visitation 1 hr. prior. Reception to follow all at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100