



## Norman E. "Breezy" Briesemeister Sr.

March 29, 2013

Norman Edward 'Breezy' Briesemeister, Sr., passed away at home in Minneapolis on Friday, March 29, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 16, 1925, in Almena, Wisconsin, to Jennie and Otto Briesemeister. Norman was preceded in death by his younger sister, Gladys Fossen. He is survived by his sister Edna Mumm of Belle Plaine, MN. He will be missed by his wife Nan, with whom he shared 66 years of marriage. Together they raised six children: Edward, Kathy, John, Alan, Karen, and Kaye, enjoying twenty one grandchildren, and twenty three great-grandchildren to date.

Norman left high school in December 1941 to join the war effort by enlisting in the Navy. Breezy saw action in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres of World War II as a seaman, initially involved in underwater demolition. Norman was an accomplished shipboard engineer and also served as a pre-invasion scout in Burma. He served on a destroyer escort that was sunk in action in the North Atlantic and was officially listed as lost at sea for several days. In 1946 it was Norman's good fortune to be stationed at Charleston, South Carolina where he met the love of his life, Nannie Lee Windham. Norman and Nan were married six weeks after being introduced by Nan's friend, Daisy. Determined to work his way up as a "mustang" Norman remained in the Navy after the war ended and finished with the rank of Lieutenant j. g. when, in 1963 he retired from active duty having served during World War II, the Korean Conflict and the war in Vietnam. Though most of his duty found Norman on the seven

seas, during 1957-1960 Norman and his family lived in Pine City, Minnesota where he was a Navy recruiter. After subsequent postings in New Orleans and Fort Lauderdale with the Navy, Norman retired from active duty in 1963. Norman and Nan returned to Pine City, Minnesota to farm. They later moved to Pascagoula, Mississippi, where they resided for over 33 years before relocating to Minneapolis in October last year. His bride, Nan, his family, and their church were the primary focus and joys in Norman's life.

Memorials are preferred to the Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



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