



## Norman Nielsen

September 4, 2008

Nielsen, Norman Lewis age 85, of Mpls., died on Aug. 30, 2008. Born March 10, 1923 in Mpls., MN, graduated from high school in Greenville, MI in 1939, and returned to Mpls. Graduated in 1944 from Augsburg College, where he played football, baseball and tennis. In 1947 he graduated from Luther Theological Seminary, married Eunice Hall and moved to St. Louis Park where he began his pastoral ministry at Westwood Lutheran Church, grew the membership to 4000 and built a 20 acre campus with youth lounge, classrooms and gymnasium. In 1958 he became Vice President at Augsburg College. He later became Vice President at Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company. In 1962 he started his own company, Norm Nielsen Homes as a land developer and contractor and built many custom homes and townhomes throughout the west suburban area. He was a Past President of the Twin Cities Home Builders Association. In 1955 he was named one of the most Outstanding Leaders in the Twin Cities by Time Magazine and the Mpls. Chamber of Commerce. After his retirement he wrote a novel and books of poetry. He is survived by his wife, Ann Peters Nielsen; children, Greg Nielsen and Jennifer Cotterell; step- children, Grant, Kent, Brace and Ginger Helgeson; brother, Otto; and sister, Sylvia. Preceded in death by his parents; a sister; and son, Michael. Memorial service 2:00 PM Friday, Sept. 5 at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park. Private interment. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996