



Ralph L Fritz

February 13, 2016

Fritz, Ralph L. died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, from the cumulative complications of his advanced age. Born Dec 4th, 1923, in Pipestone, MN he lived a full life notable not only for its length but also for the breadth of his accomplishments. He served 35 years as a teacher in the Bloomington, MN public school system. In parallel with his teaching career, he also served his country as a Naval officer for 20 years, including active duty in both WWII and Korea, ultimately retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following retirement, Ralph moved to Glenwood, MN where he enjoyed travel, gardening, time at his "favorite place on earth" (the lake cabin), and adventures with his grandchildren. Ralph received his BA from Hamline University and a Master's from the U of M. He was recognized as a WCCO "Good Neighbor", honored for his service in Rotary and active at his local church. Preceded in death by his parents, all 4 siblings, and 1st wife (Marian Jane Fritz (nee Waidelich). Survived by his second wife Carole J. Fritz (nee Soderbeck); 1 son Stuart Fritz M.D.; 4 stepchildren Susan Peterson, Sandra Dermond (Max), Scot Peterson, Sara Peterson-Zizzo (Robert); 9 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild, Eloise Croft. Ralph was loved and will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, and gentle spirit, RIP. Memorials preferred to Hamline University in memory of Ralph Fritz. Funeral service 2 PM Saturday, February 20 with visitation one hour prior to the service. Reception to follow all at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Fritz family were great neighbors over the 23 years we had a cabin on Woman Lake. It was always a treat when our paths crossed and we could visit about family and life. Ralph was the "Energizer Bunny" always buzzing around. He truly loved the lake and the cabin. We were so fortunate to have visited with Ralph, Carole and family In September when they were once again at the cabin. Ralph you are definitely an inspiration.*
Dave and Pam Shaw Longville, MN

Dave and Pam Shaw - February 20, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph L Fritz.*



February 19, 2016 at 06:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph L Fritz.*



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“ *Carole*

Greg and I will always have great memories of being neighbors with you and Ralph in Glenwood. Watching Ralph walk by our house to go uptown every day was inspiring. He was always so friendly and we enjoyed stopping to visit. So sorry we have lost touch since you moved. We will look for more details on the memorial being planned in Glenwood this summer. Our condolences to you. Take care.

Emily Uhde - February 18, 2016 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Shirley, Duane, Laura, Melissa Alveshere*

Our condolences to Stuart and Family, and Carole and Family

Ralph will forever be known to the Alveshere Family as our:

Mentor

Life coach(Ralph invented the process)

Special friend

Great neighbor

Thanks great wise one

RIP

Alveshere Family - February 17, 2016 at 06:18 PM



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February 17, 2016 at 10:25 AM