



Ralph Smith

October 24, 2007

Smith, Ralph Burton Age 81 of Edina, passed away on October 21, 2007 surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; and is survived by children, Kim (Mike) Larish, Jerry Smith, Bob (Maureen) Smith, Becky (Mark) Kuck, Tom (Terry) Smith, Mary (R.J.) Renk; and 13 grandchildren. Also survived by siblings, Charlotte Moyer, Shirley Boughton, Richard C. Smith and Phil Smith. Ralph was born on September 15, 1926 in N. Mpls and was the third of five children to Clarence and Blanche Smith. He graduated from Washburn High School in 1945. Following graduation he enlisted in the Navy and spent time on the USS Texas in the Pacific. In 1946, he attended the U of M on the GI Bill. During this time, he managed a bowling alley and owned a restaurant. In 1950, Ralph and his brother, Dick owned Smith Brothers Construction. In 1950, he was recalled for active duty in the reserves and served in the Korean War. In 1952, Ralph worked for Gluek's Brewery as a National Sales Manager. His career included sales management positions for Lowenbrew and Hofbrau Breweries. Ralph met Darlene Lynn and they married on December 1, 1956. In 1970, he purchased Garland's Inc. in Mpls. Ralph owned and managed his companies until he experienced a stroke in 1999. He spent the last 8 years in his home under the loving care of his family and help of caregivers. Up until his final day, he found great enjoyment spending time at the family cabin. The family wishes to extend sincere thanks for the love and care bestowed on Ralph these past 8 years by Sam, Jane and Paula. Memorials preferred to Courage Center Development, 3915

Golden Valley Dr., Mpls, MN 55422. Private interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial Friday 10:30 AM with visitation beginning at 9 AM at the Church of the Annunciation, 509 W. 54th St. (54th and Harriet Ave). Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996