



Ray Makepeace

December 26, 2005

Makepeace, Ray L. age 90, born in Minneapolis on March 5, 1915 and passed away peacefully at his Minnetonka home on December 20, 2005. Beloved husband, father and grandfather, Ray is survived by loving wife, Martha of 58 years; daughter, Mary (Jim) Gilbert, Orono; sons, Ray, Jr. (Roxanne), Minnetonka, John (Anne), New Ulm and Robert (Elisabeth), Friesing, Germany. Proud grandfather of Alison, Erica (AJ) Austerman, Jaime, Jeff, Kristina, Andrew, Tessa, Johannes, Kate, and Marie-Louise. Ray graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1932 and shortly thereafter was drafted as a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Organization. As the war clouds gathered prior to WWII, Ray joined the Regular US Army and was stationed on Corregidor in the Philippine Islands. He was captured by the Japanese and became a POW in May of 1942 and was released 3 years later when Japan surrendered in August of 1945. Returning home and rebuilding his life, he met his future wife Martha and raised a family. He worked for Phoenix Life Insurance Company for 30 years, earning his CLU. One of his great loves was golf, as he and Martha were members of the Minneapolis Golf Club for over 40 years. Ray was active in POW groups and spoke at numerous schools and civic organizations about his POW and war experiences, and he enjoyed 20 years volunteering for the VA Hospital in Minneapolis. Ray loved to fish, play poker and learned how to use the internet and e-mail when he was in his 80s. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2005 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Funeral

Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN. Memorial service will be held Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 11 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 13505 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN with visitation one hour prior to the service with lunch to follow. Private interment to be held at Fort Snelling. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Red Cross. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel 952-938-9020