



Richard (Dick) Pautz

July 8, 2009

Pautz, Richard F. (Dick) died July 4, 2009 at the age of 96. He is preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude, son Douglas, and son-in-law James Carey. He is survived by sons Gerald, Roger, and David, and by daughter Sharon Carey, and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dick was born in LeSeuer, MN. He attended Augsburg College, where he met Gert, and they married in 1939. He was athletic director for Augsburg until his service in the U.S. Navy from 1944-46. After WWII he was director of public relations for Augsburg. Subsequently, he owned a soda fountain near Cedar-Riverside which he named Smiley's Point. In 1950 he established Pautz-Franklin Realty, which he operated until his retirement. In that capacity he negotiated the purchase of properties for expansion of Augsburg, Fairview and Children's Hospitals. He served on the Augsburg Board of Regents for many years, was president of the Alumni Association and was named a Distinguished Alumnus and was elected to the Athletic Hall of Fame. After retirement he and Gert maintained an active social life with friends and family. He took up the harmonica and enjoyed playing for nursing home audiences until a few days before his death. The favorite song in his repertoire was 'Danny Boy'. He lived a long and fruitful life and was greatly loved. A memorial service will be held at Walker Methodist Chapel. 3737 Bryant Ave S. Minneapolis at 10 AM on Friday, July 10th. Memorials preferred to Augsburg College. Private interment following service. Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999