



## Richard Wyatt Earp

September 6, 2016

Earp, Richard Wyatt The funeral mass for Richard Wyatt Earp will be at 11 am, Saturday, September 10 at Our Lady of Grace, Catholic Church, Edina. Visitation will be at 10:30 am, before the service at the Church. Burial will be in Crookston, Minnesota at a later date. Richard, known as Dick, was most recently a resident of Edina and Fountain Hills, Arizona. Dick died September 6 peacefully, following a stroke several days earlier. Dick was born in Oaks, North Dakota on September 2, 1932 to Judith Arvidson Earp and Milton Freeman Earp. He graduated from Moorhead High School in 1950. He then received a B.A. accounting degree from the University of North Dakota in 1954, where he met his wife Pat; he was a member of the ATO Fraternity and ROTC. Following graduation Dick was a pilot in the Air Force for three years, when upon leaving he earned an MBA from Indiana University. He continued on as a pilot in the National Reserves and was mobilized during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1958, Dick joined Arthur Anderson & Co. as a CPA, where he eventually rose to Partner in the tax department until his retirement in 1988. During his career Dick was recognized as one of the premier tax experts in the Midwest, reflected by his leadership roles in the Minnesota Taxpayer's Association and frequent interviews with publications, including Time Magazine. He was also invited to the White House, which hosted a national tax experts meeting to discuss proposed tax law changes. Following his retirement, he continued to be professionally active, including as a Director of the following enterprises: Northcott Companies, Gemini, Kokoon Dressware,

and Minikahda Country Club. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and half brothers and half sisters. He is survived by his wife, Pat Earp, of 61 years; Mark (Maureen) Earp, Mike (Terrie) Earp, Susan (David) Hume and William Earp, niece Rosemary Winqvist, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. In addition, he is survived by brother-in-law Robert (Joie) Mercil and Uncle Larry LaLonde (96). Dick had varied interests. He was an active member of the Fountain Hills Men's Club, Minikahda Country Club, and enjoyed golf, poker, hunting, fishing, and billiards. He also loved flying and flew his private plane for over thirty years. After his retirement, he and Pat traveled extensively around the world, visiting nearly 100 countries. The family wishes to extend thanks to the wonderful staff at the Memory Care at the Waters of Edina. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association. ([alz.org/join\\_the\\_cause\\_donate.asp](http://alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp)) or a charity of the donor's choice.