



Robert "Bob" Lawlor

November 8, 2005

Lawlor, Robert Emmet Robert "Bob" Lawlor, age 86, formerly of Edina and Linden Hills, passed away on Sunday, November 6 in Newton, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" McGee Lawlor of Pella, Iowa and his four children from his marriage to the late Lucille Haertzen Lawlor ? John (Nancy) Lawlor of Edina, Catherine (Phil) of Perry, Iowa, Tom (Joleen) of Chisago City, and Peter (Ashley) of Denver, Colorado. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and a number of step-grand children and step-children, particularly Mike and Dottie McGee of Pella, Iowa, who provided additional care and attention for Bob during the last few years of his life. Bob's parents and all of his eight brothers and sisters preceded him in death. Bob was born on October 16, 1919 in Devils Lake, North Dakota, the son of Thomas Edward Lawlor and Margaret McCrea Lawlor. Since October 16 was the same day Irish patriot and poet Robert Emmet was born, Bob was named after him and thus began his lifelong appreciation for all things Irish. He grew up in Carrington, North Dakota and learned the value of perseverance and hard work helping his father and family run their small-town bakery. He attended Carrington High School and was an outstanding four-sport athlete earning the nickname, the "Carrington Cannonball." Following graduation from high school he attended the North Dakota School of Science, where he pursued his studies and continued to excel in multiple sports, later being named to the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. He then went on to the University of Wyoming where he received his degree in geology. He served in the United States Air

Force during World War II and was stationed in England. Following his discharge from the Air Force, he worked in Montana and Wyoming as a geologist, first for Skelly Oil and then later as an independent consulting geologist. When the oil wells ran dry, he and his family moved back to Minneapolis where he ultimately had a long and successful career as a manufacturer's representative for Pearson and Company. An active member of St. Thomas the Apostle in Linden Hills and St. Patrick's in Edina, Bob displayed a great love for his family and was always ready to put his Irish wit to use, bringing smiles to all who came in contact with him. He was loved dearly by his family and will be sorely missed. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, 2PM at ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2914 West 44th Street, Minneapolis. Visitation is one hour before service at church. Private internment at Fort Snelling. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996