



Robert Nelson Harvey

June 8, 1925 - December 24, 2019

Robert Nelson Harvey age 94 passed away on December 24, 2019 at Yorkshire of Edina Assisted Living, after a long illness. Robert was born in Valentine, Nebraska. He arranged to graduate from the Valentine high school at 17 in 1943 in order to enlist in the United States Navy. Robert served his country as a top turret gunner in Squadron 139, a member of the “Empire Express” of Fleet Air Wing Four, which was stationed in Attu, Alaska. As part of Squadron 139, Robert flew on bombing missions in a PV-2 Harpoon against the Japanese Northern Islands. He was awarded the Air Medal with a gold star.

After the war, Robert attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, majoring in Speech and Radio/TV Communication. Robert subsequently pursued a career in advertising, first in Omaha, and subsequently in Minneapolis at Campbell Mithun Advertising (where he met his wife, Ruth), Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBD&O) and Knox Reeves. Following that, Robert worked as a Manager of Broadcast Production at General Mills until he retired. While working at General Mills, Robert served two years as Chairman of the West Division of the Minneapolis United Way campaign. Robert also produced a United Way promotional film for eleven years for the General Mills campaign. He was proud that the campaigns always met their fundraising goals.

Robert is preceded in death by his wife, Ruth (Nordstrom) Harvey; his parents

John W. Harvey and Maude (Rowley) Harvey; his three brothers, John (Jack), James (Jim) and William (Bill); his sisters Alice and Barbara. He is survived by his daughter, Dianne; many nieces and nephews; and their children and grandchildren. Memorials preferred to the American Heart Association. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2020 with visitation one-hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436
(952) 920-3996
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Nelson Harvey.*



December 28, 2019 at 09:00 AM