



Robert Johannes Johnson

December 16, 2014

Johnson, Robert Johannes Age 93, of Minnetonka, passed away Dec. 16, 2014. He was born in Minneapolis on July 4th, 1921, the second of three children of his Norwegian immigrant parents Robert and Marie Johnson. After serving in Europe in World War II, he returned home to work at the Minneapolis Grain Exchange, where he rose through the ranks to become a commodities broker, and the largest wheat merchandiser in the market while working for Farmers Union/GTA. He held a seat on the Exchange for over 40 years, and served on the Minneapolis Grain Exchange Board of Directors. After achieving his own sobriety, he dedicated himself to helping others in their struggles to overcome addiction. He quietly mentored, counseled, and sponsored countless individuals, literally saving lives. In addition to Alcoholics Anonymous (where he recently received his 44 year pin), he also became involved in the Calix Society, a Catholic organization devoted to the spiritual aspects of sobriety. While serving as its International President, he led a contingent of members on a trip to Rome in 1974, where they had a private audience with Pope Paul VI. He maintained a busy, active, social lifestyle for all of his 93 years. He loved to golf, and was a member at Wayzata Country Club for many years, serving on its Board of Directors. He was an avid reader, a great bridge player ("Mr. Three No Trump"), and a sports enthusiast, having a special passion for the Minnesota Twins. He loved classical music, finding it inspiring and uplifting. He had an easy and outgoing personality; he was a great conversationalist, with a genuine interest in others. He was a true and

loyal and generous friend to so many people. Closest to his heart was his family. He and his wife of 65 years, Pat, raised three daughters, Nancy, Mary Beth, and Susan. He so loved them and encouraged them at every turn, and took great pride in their accomplishments, as well as those of his sons-in-law Tim and Steve, and his grandchildren Angela (Gavin), Patrick (Tara), Zach, Matt, and Jake. Bob was a shining example of how to live life. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorials preferred to AA Mpls Intergroup, 7204 West 27th St., Suite 113, St. Louis Park 55426. Private interment Fort Snelling Cemetery. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Monday, Dec. 22, with visitation one hour prior at the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 13505 Excelsior Blvd, Minnetonka. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996