



Mr. Robert Cotton King, Sr.

January 8, 1931 - September 29, 2019

King, Robert C. "Bob" Age 88, passed away in his sleep on September 29, 2019 at Founders Ridge Presbyterian Home in Bloomington, preceded in death by Arlene, his wife of 60 years; his parents, Herb and Helen; brother, John and cousin, Betsy Furber. Survived by sister, Kappy King Cole; children, Bob Jr (Julie), Mary (Carey) Boldenow and Kathy (Rick) Koehler; grandchildren, Sarah (Brendan), Jessie (Eric), Robbie (Emily), Ben (Olivia), Brad, Brett, Tommy (Katie), Katie (Kyle) and Jack; great grandchildren, Rory, Claire, Mason and August. Together with Arlene, he created an enduring sense of family. These bonds were cemented through weekly Sunday dinners at their house in Edina where they lived for 50 years, how he said good-bye after each visit, his barbequed chicken, annual trips to Tip Top resort on Whitefish, the attention he paid to grandchildren activities, original birthday poems (doggerel as he called it) for everyone in the family. He had a unique relationship with each of his grandchildren that made them feel special. Bob graduated from Shattuck Military Academy and received a BA in Speech from the U. After 2 years in the Army in Utah, he and Arlene returned to Minnesota, where he first managed the Morris and then the Fergus Falls Chambers of Commerce. In Fergus, he moved into journalism, becoming the editor of the Fergus Falls Daily Journal. He moved back to Minneapolis as an editorial writer and worked his way up the ladder at the Star Tribune Company becoming Editor of the afternoon Minneapolis Star, helping to originate the Taste section. He ran the paper's advertising department before being kicked

upstairs as a Group Vice President within the Star Tribune Company's publishing holding company. After leaving the Star and Tribune, he was the President of the Downtown Council; during his time there the tradition of having the farmers' market weekly on the Nicollet Mall began. His civic involvement included the Citizens League, Downtown YMCA, Kiwanis, Skylight Club, Press Club, University of Minnesota Alumni Association and Minneapolis Dunkers. Many of these organizations he led at some point. Later in life, he enjoyed traveling with his growing family to Lewes DE, Charleston SC (twice) and Lake City MN (many times) along with longer driving trips with Arlene. Toward the very end of his life, he experienced the fog of dementia, living in the moment and even still having a positive impact on all whom he touched with his kindness and sense of humor. Even then, he fondly remembered his childhood near Lake Harriet and sailing on Lake Minnetonka as a teenager. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Alzheimer's Foundation or Founders Ridge Presbyterian Home. Mass of Christian Burial 2:30PM Monday, October 7 with visitation one hour prior at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 5071 Eden Ave S, Edina. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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