



## Robert E. T. Rydell

April 18, 2004

Rydell, Robert E. T. - June 18, 1924 - April 15, 2004 Of Minnetonka He is survived by Susan Teommey Rydell, his wife of 38 years; son, Christopher Andrew Rydell (Sangrail) and granddaughter, Megan Anne Rydell, of St. Louis Park; sister, Betty (Bill) Fierke of Oak Park Heights; sister, Carolyn Kreuzer of Edina; nephew, John Fierke; and nieces, Susan Fierke, Carol Fierke, Beth DeBaere and Pam Hetland; grand nephews and nieces; other relatives and very close friends. After attending Gustavus Adolphus College for one year, he served in WWII in the US Army. Following his return, he took advantage of his year and a half hospitalization with pulmonary tuberculosis by using the time to pursue his lifelong interests in art, music, investments and medicine. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a BA in 1951, BS in 1953 and MD in 1955 when he received the award for the outstanding student in the Medical School senior class. He served a rotating internship at Minneapolis General Hospital (now Hennepin County Medical Center) and completed four and a half years as an NIH Fellow in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology at the University of Minnesota. He then accepted a staff position at the Minneapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center where he worked for 31 years. A passionate conversationalist with a deep devotion to his family, friends and faith, he pursued his many interests and followed a life of service during his retirement years. At the time of his death, he was on the boards of the Greater Gustavus Foundation, the River of Life Lutheran Church Foundation and the Open Circle Adult Day Care Center, chair of the

Augustana Care Corporation Strategic Planning Committee and chair of the boards of directors of Augustana Health Care Center of Hastings and Park Ridge Apartments. Memorials preferred to River of Life Lutheran Church Foundation, Minnesota Medical Foundation of the University of Minnesota, Gustavus Adolphus College or Augustana Health Care Center Endowment Fund. A memorial service will be held on Monday, April 19 at 11 AM at RIVER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2200 Fremont Ave. North, Minneapolis. Visitation begins at 9:30 AM before memorial service Crystal Lake Funeral Home 612-521-3677.