



## Robert LeRoy Thompson, Sr.

September 28, 1915 - February 25, 2009

Lt. Col., USAF (ret.) Of Siren, Wisconsin. Died Feb. 25, 2009. Born Sept. 28, 1915 in St. Paul, MN., the only child of Arthur and Esther Thompson. Survived by wife of 66 years, Dorothy (nee Bergstrom), sons, Robert Jr., (Carolyn) and Richard, granddaughters, Sarah, Kathryn and Jill. Bob was employed by St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co. before joining the Army Air Corps in 1941 and training as a pilot. He flew numerous combat missions over Europe in WWII, including the D-Day invasion. He remained in the Air Force after WWII and served in the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force in 1967, he completed his bachelor's degree at the Univ. of Omaha and later a master's degree at Lynchburg College. He taught at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virginia for eight years. After 23 years in Lynchburg, Bob and Dorothy made their lakefront vacation home in Siren, Wisc., their permanent year-round home beginning in 1992. Bob was for many years a top amateur golfer. While in college at the Univ. of Minnesota, Bob was a member of the 1937-38 Gophers Varsity Hockey Team. Funeral Service 12:00 PM Tuesday, March 3rd with visitation from 11:00 AM until time of service at the ROSELAWN CEMETERY CHAPEL 803 W. Larpenteur Ave., Roseville. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Disabled American Veterans or Patrick Henry Boys and Girls Plantation, Inc., P.O. Box 1398 Brookneal, VA 24528 ([www.patrickhenry.org](http://www.patrickhenry.org))