



Russel Sotebeer

December 1, 2009

Sotebeer, Russel Loren age 89, of Edina, MN, peacefully went to be with his Lord on November 27, 2009. Born in Waseca, MN on Dec. 6, 1919, he attended the U of M and Minnesota School of Business, where he met Judy, his lifelong love, and wife of 67 years. During WWII, he served under Admiral H.R. Stark at the American Embassy in London. Following WWII, he was hired by the BF Nelson Company as a clerk. He retired from the firm in 1982 as President and CEO. Dedicated to serving others, Russ was: the founding president of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Committee Chair of the Mpls Aquatennial, co-founder of Boy Scout Troop 123, President of the Mpls Y's Men, 14 year Chair of Selective Service Board #49 with 3 Presidential Citations, 1999 U of M National Volunteer of the Year, and, most of all, a loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend, who touched all with God's grace and love. Preceded in death by parents William and Alma, brother Orville, survived by wife, Judy; children, Gary (Jan), Nan (Jay) Diley, Dick and Bob; four grandchildren, Elizabeth (Peter) Grande, Christina (Jeremiah) Pilon, Jim (Elizabeth) Diley, Tyler (Sarah) Sotebeer; and great-granddaughter, Daisy Grande. Celebration of Russel's life will be on Wed., Dec. 2, 12:00 noon, with fellowship 1 hour prior to the service, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 500 Blake Road, Edina. Visitation on Tues., Dec. 1, from 4-8PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. & Hwy 100. Memorials to Shepherd of the Hills Foundation. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996