



## Russell "Rusty" Mammel

September 23, 2011

Mammel, Russell Norman "Rusty" Died of complications of Alzheimer's Disease on September 15, 2011 in Dallas, Texas, at 85 years of age. He was born on April 28, 1926, in Hutchinson, Kansas. He served in the European Theater of WW II, discharged as an Army Lieutenant. Upon his return he attended the University of Kansas, graduating with a BS in business. Rusty then joined his father in the family grocery business, Mammel's Food Stores, Inc. He married Betty Crawford in 1949. Rusty and Betty had four children and were married for 45 years until her death from cancer in 1994. When the family business was bought by Nash-Finch Co. of Minneapolis, Rusty stayed on, moving to Iowa in 1964 and Minneapolis in 1967. He retired as President of Nash Finch in 1991. He lived in Dallas for the last many years of his life. Always funny and cheerful even as his illness progressed, he was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his children, Mark and wife Nancy Mammel of Dellwood, MN; Chris and wife Teri Mammel of Wellington, FL; Betsy Hoag of Dallas, TX; and Nancy and husband Ron Davids of Wellesley, MA. He was the proud grandparent of Gordon, Daniel and Martin Mammel (Mark); Kristina, Gregory and Melissa Mammel (Chris); Katherine and Marie Hoag (Betsy); and Abigail, Peter, and Victoria Davids (Nancy). He is also survived by his brother, Dean Mammel and wife Rita of Dallas, TX. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty in 1994 and his brother, Phillip in 2009. Visitation will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, September 23 in the Lakewood Cemetery Chapel in Minneapolis, MN; a memorial service will follow at 12 noon with burial

immediately after. Memorials in lieu of flowers to the VistaCare Hospice, 7557 Rambler Rd, Dallas, TX 75231 or the Betty Mammel & Arlene Sommer Neonatal Research Fund at Children's Hospitals & Clinics Foundation, 2910 Centre Pointe Drive, Roseville, MN 55113. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall



“ I was saddened to read of Rusty's passing. My husband, Don, passed away in June 2010 but spent many years working with Rusty and appreciating his wisdom and friendship. Don was a consultant and then Board Chair of Nash Finch and Rusty was a respected and important member of Nash Finch. We moved to Palm Desert and Rusty and Don played tennis together and I so enjoyed being with him - and Betty too many years ago. Your Dad was a very special man with a caring way and great sense of humor. My thoughts and sympathy are with your family. Janet Miller

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October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Mammel Family:After having lived away from Hutchinson and Grace Episcopal Church in five major metro areas for nearly 50 years, I am still startled to see familiar names from Hutch in newspapers.Please accept my condolences on the passing of Russ -- as my late parents (Bob and Reba Cameron of Grace Church and Reno County Soil Conservationist) called him -- and belately for Betsy. How fondly I remember shopping Mammel stores, notably the store on Main St. near the old high school and Grace Hospital! And I'll never forget ordering an enormous Christmas tree for the HHS "Snowball" dance through Nash Finch and it arriving on a flatbed train car! I'm not sure how my Dad (Bob) wrestled it into his '49 Ford pickup, into "Convention Hall" and upright -- but it was fratastic!I'm sure your memories of Russ and Betsy are even more sweet.Best regards,Clare Cameron Cox("Buzz" and "Allagaroo" editor of long ago . . . and summertime intern for the "Hutch News."

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*Clare Cameron Cox, HHS '60,*

*Red Wing (previously Maple G, Minnesota*

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**Clare Cameron Cox, HHS '60** - September 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*"Rusty was my Mother Margery's neighbor at Sunrise Hillcrest -- a delightful man -- charming, witty, and always cheerful." M. Chris Foster (Dallas, TX)*

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September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

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*Ina Selzler,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Ina Selzler** - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Rusty. A great and interesting man with a sense of humor that knew no end. May he rest in peace. June Rodysill*

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September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mark, Nancy, Chris and Betsy, I was reading the obituaries in the Star and Trib from Bozeman, MT, where I live now, and noticed that your dad had passed away and I can't believe Betty has been gone 17 yrs. I have so many fond memories of spending so much time with both of them in CA and Edina Even though we have lost contact in the the last 10 years I think of you and your families often. I cannot be there to celebrate his life with you, but I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Susan Passolt Lethert

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*Sue Lethert,*

*Bozeman, Montana*

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**Sue Lethert** - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM