



Samuel P Bates

November 30, 1929 - July 20, 2012

Retired 3M Employee Of New Brighton, formerly of North Oaks Age 82, passed away July 20, 2012. Preceded in death by infant daughter Julie, parents Samuel and Cazzie (Meadville, PA) and sister Linda Chisholm (AZ). Survived by his wife of 56 years, Shirlee (Ruttger), daughters Becky Bates of New Brighton and Melanie Hjelm (Rick) of North Oaks. Grandchildren Lindsey and Samuel Hjelm and Emily Bates; also many loving relatives and friends. Sam will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sam worked for 3M for 36 years, the last 16 yrs as Director of Public Relations for 3M International. Sam traveled to over 60 countries and 6 continents. Sam came to MN from PA to work for Hamline Univ. as Director of the News Bureau. He was an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America, a lifelong Mason, and held many volunteer positions; Sam was involved with the formation of the Big Brothers of Greater St. Paul, MN Prayer Breakfast, Jobs In Transition, Junior Achievement, Union Gospel Mission, Restorative Justice and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Mpls, where he was a member. Memorials preferred to Westminster Church, MN Historical Society or the Salvation Army. Services will be held Friday, July 27, 2012 at 11:00 AM with gathering 1 hour prior at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 W. Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview.