



## Stanley F Bachman

July 15, 2017

Bachman, Stanley F. Stanley Frederick Bachman was born in the Bachman family home on 60th and Lyndale in Richfield on June 8, 1924 and died on July 15, 2017 at the age of 93. He was the youngest son of deceased Henry Jr. and Betsy Bachman. Stan was also predeceased by his wife of 66 years Georgia (known to all as GeeGee), brothers Ralph (Marguerite), Lloyd (Marion), and sister Carolyn (Milo). Stan's grandfather Henry Sr. started his vegetable growing business in 1885. In 1914, his uncle Albert decided to grow some flowers instead of vegetables. The vegetable business was becoming tenuous because the railroads had made it possible for southern growers to ship their produce up north. Albert's innovation paid off, and gradually production switched from vegetables to flowers. During World War II, Stan was in the Coast Guard. Nearly all his brothers and cousins served in various branches of the service. It was during those war years that the women in the family did an incredible job of keeping the company going. The Bachmans were a family of hard workers, and Stan was no exception. Together with his brothers, sisters and cousins, they built the company into what would become the largest retail florist in the country. Stan eventually became president, and one of his proudest achievements was successfully guiding the company during its greatest growth in the 70's and 80's, and preparing the fourth generation for leadership roles and a smooth transition. The floral industry honored him with two of their highest awards, the Floriculture Hall of Fame, and the FTD Golden Rose Award. He was a proud Richfield Rotarian, and

active in many organizations including the United Way and Richfield Lutheran Church. Stan will forever be remembered as a wonderful gentleman and friend. GeeGee was the love of his life and together they enjoyed traveling, golf and bridge. He was an avid gardener and loved to go fishing when he could find the time. His love of nature was a very important part of his life and influenced his philanthropy. From the gulf shores of Alabama, to the halls of Friendship Village in Bloomington, he made countless friends. Hundreds of Bachman employees have fond memories of Stan and his constant encouragement for quality and integrity. He treated everyone he met with genuine respect and friendship. He was truly loved and will be sorely missed. He is survived by his two sons, Paul (Barb), Peter (Janet); four grandchildren, Leslie (Bryan), Kelly (John), Adam (Emy), Blair (Amy); and eight great-grandchildren Owen, Ruthie, Hadley, Cora, Calvin, Georgia, Mackenzie and Alex; sister, Betty (Bob); sister-in-law, Margaret. Stan loved flowers!

Memorials can be made to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Memorial Service 11 am Thursday July 20th with visitation beginning at 10 am at Richfield Lutheran Church, 8 West 60th St., Minneapolis, MN 55419.

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# Tribute Wall



“ Paul I met your Dad many years ago, before I knew you, when I was in my 20's and he took me under his wing at an FTD meeting. He was a true gentleman. He made me feel special and helped me greatly with our business. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

*Howard Hurst  
Tipton & Hurst  
Little Rock , Arkansas*

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