



## Stephen Taylor

August 23, 2006

Taylor, Stephen M. A Lifelong Resident Of Minneapolis Died August 19, 2006 at age 82. Steve was a visionary entrepreneur, inventor, designer, engineer and philanthropist. Early in his career, Steve invented a floating air water seal that revolutionized the water softener business. He also designed and successfully brought to market two small sailboats which were used by the Minneapolis Park Board and a line of powerboat hardware. Mid-life, he made a career change into commercial real estate, during which he owned and operated manufactured housing land lease communities and apartment complexes. Throughout his two business partnerships (each of which lasted over 30 years and were built on trust and respect), his mission was to provide residents with a safe, secure place they were proud to call "home". Despite his many accomplishments, Steve's greatest legacy was the love, kindness, compassion and respect he showed to his friends, family and all he met. As people in need crossed his path in life, he quietly looked for opportunities to help them financially, emotionally and spiritually without expectation of anything in return. In 1986, he founded The Trust For The Mediation Process with the mission of supporting Christian organizations worldwide in rediscovering the lost tradition of Contemplative Prayer. Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Helen Taylor of Mill Valley, CA; 4 children, Charles W. Taylor of Washington, DC, Robert P. Taylor of Chicago, IL, Anne E. Macke of San Francisco, CA and Paul W. Taylor of San Francisco, CA; plus 2 grandchildren, Helena and Johnny Macke. "Visitation" 5-8 PM with prayer

service at 7 PM Thursday August 24 at WASHBURN-MCREAVY FUNERAL CHAPEL, 952-920-3996, 5000 W. 50th St. & Hwy 500, Edina, MN 55436. Funeral service for all to attend 11 AM Friday, August 25 at CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 952-920-8515, 6901 Normandale Rd., Edina, 55435. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations in Mr. Taylor's memory be made to Sunshine Acre's Children's Home, 3405 North Higley Road, Mesa, AZ 85215. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996