



Sterling Van Tassel

June 29, 2010

Van Tassel, Sterling Noble age 101, of Robbinsdale. Sterling went to his well-deserved eternal rest on Saturday, June 26. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Ruth Anderson Van Tassel of Robbinsdale; 3 sons, David of Washington, D.C., Mark of Blackduck, MN and Timothy of Golden Valley, MN, and their wives & children. He leaves 9 grandchildren & 6 great-grandchildren. Born in 1908 on a farm near Stillwater, MN, Sterling was one of nine children. His younger brother, Rev. Prosper Van Tassel of El Cajon, CA, survives. Sterling began work at an early age and held a variety of jobs throughout the 1920s and '30s until beginning work as a machinist at the Northern Pump Co. of Mpls, later acquired by the FMC Corp. from which he retired in 1973. He met his future wife, Ruth, while volunteering at the Children's Gospel Mission in Mpls, but war intervened. During WWII, Sterling served in the Army Air Corps in the North Africa and Italian Campaigns. He was mustered out as a sergeant, married Ruth Ellen Anderson, and in 1947, they settled in Crystal, MN to raise their family. Sterling was a loving and kindly husband and father, an acute observer of nature, and an avid and serious reader. Above all, his most abiding attribute was his Christian faith which, in partnership with Ruth, he lived daily and taught to those around him by his advice and example. Funeral service Thursday, July 1, 11:00 AM, Elim Lutheran Church, 3978 West Broadway, Robbinsdale. Visitation one hour before service at the church. Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643