



Tolman E Holten

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Holten, Tolman E. Tolman E. "Tom" Holten, 97, died Monday at home in Edina. Known for infinite patience, gratitude and contentment, he touched many hearts with his kind and gentle ways. A caregiver at heart, he watched over his family as a wise and generous shepherd. "I was a newspaperman," he said in retirement. Always humble, he rarely mentioned that he had been news editor of the Star Tribune and copydesk chief of the Minneapolis Tribune. Earlier in his career, he had worked on the Wisconsin State Journal in Madison, Wis.; and daily newspapers in Monroe, Wis., and Portage, Wis. The youngest of 12 children, he was born on a farm near Madison and graduated from Deerfield (Wis.) High School. The first member of his family to attend college, he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin in Madison. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he returned home and married the girl of his dreams, Jacki. Tom was a gifted gardener, decorating the corner of 60th and Morgan with peonies, irises, lilies and roses. His faith grew throughout his life. He was an active member of Knox Presbyterian Church, eventually becoming an amateur scholar who led groups in Bible study. In retirement, he refinished furniture, volunteered at a grade school, and documented his family history. He was a lifelong fan of baseball and the Green Bay Packers. He is survived by daughter Marcia "Marti" Crandall; son Jon (Carol) Holten; grandchildren James Brink, Laura (Patrick) Scanlon, and Katy Holten; great-grandchildren Bryn Belland and Ava, Margo and Tom Scanlon; and nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his wife, Jacki; parents Andrew and Anna Holten; and his siblings. A service celebrating his life will be at 11 a .m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Knox Presbyterian Church, 4747 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, with visitation one hour before the service and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Washburn-McReavy, 5000 W. 50th St., Edina. Memorials are preferred to Knox Presbyterian Church. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996