



Vernon Swanson

January 1, 2006

Swanson, Vernon C. age 88, a longtime resident of St. Louis Park, crossed over on Dec. 29th from Pulmonary disease. He was a World War II veteran, a devoted husband for 60 years, raised 2 daughters and cofounded and retired from Swanson & Youngdale, Inc., one of the largest commercial painting contracting firms in the country. After delivering telegrams for Western Union and painting as a young man, Vern joined the Navy in 1942 and served as a chief machinist mate on the destroyer escort U.S.S. Key. Two weeks after his discharge, he co-founded Swanson & Youngdale Painting in 1945 where he rode to work on the rear platform of a streetcar holding a step ladder, drop cloths and paint. Vern lived by the philosophy of "Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you." After 49 successful years in an industry that he loved, he retired from the company in 1994. He remained as a member of the Board of Directors until his death. He was a member of the PDCA Negotiating Committee for 30 years, and chairman for many years. He also served on the Joint Trade Board for 20 years. Vern loved the closeness of family whether it was a large get together or one of the many family road trips. He said that his work was his hobby but always took time to play cards with his buddies or go fishing with Margie. He was preceded in death by his parents Carl & Alma Swanson; stepmother Doris Swanson; and his wife, Marjorie, that crossed over 3 yrs. ago. Also his three brothers; Harold, Earl and Roland; brothers & sister-in-law Warren & Millie Morneau and Paul Hansen. Vern is survived by his two daughters and their husbands, Sandee & Gary Plummer of Plymouth

and Lynda & Doug Powell of Bloomington; sister, Violet Hansen; grandchildren, David (Michelle) Enerson, Ashley Powell, Lisa (Erik) Moe, and Bill (Jessica) Plummer; 6 great-grandchildren; dog Tiger; and many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation from 3-6 PM (TODAY) Jan. 1st, at Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel, 5000 W. 50th & Hwy. 100, Edina, MN 55436. Funeral on Mon., Jan. 2nd, at 11 AM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 5421 France Ave. So., Edina. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Luncheon to follow service. Private interment Tuesday at Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Heart Association. You blessed us with your kindness, humor, wisdom, compassion and loving spirit. We loved you tons and tons Dad and always will. Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996