



Wallace Steele

March 25, 2009

Steele, Wallace A. of Ham Lake, went to be with the Lord on March 21, 2009. Wallace loved his Lord, his family, music and work. He was born Dec. 2, 1919, in Charles City, IA and graduated from Charles City High School in 1936 after which he found work at Oliver Tractor. In 1941 he moved to the Twin Cities to take a job at Northern Ordinance. On June 28th, 1941, he married Genevieve Skyrme, also of Charles City. After being drafted into the US Navy in 1944, Wallace served as a machinist in the Pacific on board a water supply ship, the USS Tamalpais. Upon returning his family settled in Columbia Heights. He worked as a machinist for 9 years at Marine Mfg. and then took a management position at Western Screw Co. later to become Corco Precision Products. In 1971 he began the Wallace Steele Co., working every day in the shop up to the day of his passing. He engineered the VIX BIT 50 years ago on the request of a building contractor looking for a better way to hinge doors. Wallace is survived by one sister, Violet Corbin; three sons, Duane (Dixie), James (Esther) and Brian (Jacqueline); ten grandchildren, Lida, Dan, Maria, Hannah, Winston, Austin (Katie), Lincoln, Savannah, Dinah, and Briannah; four great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews. Memorials preferred to Global Partners (Wesleyan World Missions). Funeral service Friday, 11AM at Waite Park Wesleyan Church, 1510 33rd Ave NE. Visitation one hour prior to service at church and 5-8PM Thursday at: Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828 2901 Johnson St. N.E.