



## Walter (Barney) Saunders

December 16, 2010

Saunders, Walter Barnwell (Barney) Died with grace and dignity on December 9, 2010, at home at the age of 87. His life became increasingly limited by breathing difficulties but he remained mentally acute to the end. His parents, Arthur William and Agnes Barnwell, his twin, Arthur William, and his sisters, Phebe Haugen and Sallie Wright, along with his first wife of 48 years, Lois Duxbury, all predeceased him. Patricia Bratnober, his wife of 11 years, has been an excellent companion and friend to him on this journey. He is survived by Patty, his children: Sallie March (John), Arthur William (Roberta), John (Mary), Susan Zoidis (Greg), and stepchildren: Philip Bratnober, Jane Ransom (John) and Sarah Bratnober. Barney was larger than life to his grandchildren, John Barnwell March (Mary), Lisa March Mauer (Dan), Timothy March (Sarah), Christina Saunders, Alyssa Saunders, Matthew Zoidis, Zachary Zoidis and Jackson Saunders. He also has four great-grandchildren: Allison Mauer and Josiah, Mercy and Daniel Walter March. Daniel Walter was born just 12 hours after Barney died. Barney was a good friend. He had lifelong friends from Kenwood School, University High and Harvard University ('44). He was a strong leader. He served on the European Front for 3 years and was discharged as Captain Field Artillery. He worked for Cargill, Inc. for 41 years, retiring as Vice Chairman of the Board. He loved his work and was devoted to Cargill. He served on the Board of Directors of Cargill, The Chicago Board of Trade and the Board of the First National Bank of Minneapolis. He gave his time and talents back to the community serving as Trustee for Nature

Conservancy, Minnesota chapter, Courage Center, MacPhail Center for Music and Hamline University where he was Chairman of the Board for 2 years. At Hamline he also received the Edgar M. Carlson Award in 1998. He served on the Vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church being named Senior Warden. He was a member of The Minneapolis Club, President (1986) of The Minikahda Club and co-founder of the Love Lake Association, Danbury, WI, with his cousin, James T. McMillan. His family will forever feel his presence at Love Lake, which he considered heaven on earth. Barney was loved by his family, respected by his peers and admired by all who knew him. His sense of humor was unparalleled! He was a gentle man and a gentleman, and his grammar was impeccable. Barney fully engaged in life and will be missed by many! In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or Hamline University. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1917 Logan Ave. S., Minneapolis 55403 on Friday, December 17, 2010, at 11:00 am with a reception at The Minikahda Club following the service. Valet parking will be available at the church for those needing it. There will also be a gathering for family and friends TODAY, December 16, 2010, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100