



Walter Harold Carlson

January 25, 1918 - December 16, 2010

Age 92, of Roseville, MN. Died Thursday, December 16, 2010. He was born January 25, 1918, to Swedish immigrant parents John Nicholas and Elin Amanda (Olson) Carlson in Gilbert, MN. Walt graduated from Gilbert High School in 1935. After graduating from Virginia Junior College during the depths of the depression, he entered the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in 1937 and served at Camp 711 NW of Ely on the Portage River for one year. Then after attending Macalester College in St. Paul for one year he transferred to the University of MN and graduated in 1942. Drafted into the Army in June 1942, he married Roberta Williams on July 24, 1943 shortly before being sent overseas for WWII. After discharge in 1946 he returned to St. Paul and began work for the MN State Employment Service. In 1949 they began building their own home in Roseville using plans from Popular Mechanics magazine. After being interrupted again by the Army for the Korean War from September 1950 through March 1952, they continued work on their house, living in the basement while they finished the upstairs. Over the years, they met and visited with numerous others who had built the same house. Walt also worked for other various State Agencies including the Highway Department and Public Welfare, finally ending up back at the Employment Service from which he retired in 1980. Walt loved traveling and camping, and had been to every state but three. He also enjoyed fishing, dancing, reading, watching football, and being with family. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Roberta; sister Eleanor Gorin; brothers the Rev.

Dean Carlson, Arlin Carlson, and Clinton Carlson; and great-granddaughter Ella Hoelscher. Walt is survived by children Bob (Sheila) of International Falls, MN; Steve (Susan) of Shoreview, MN; Karen (Chuck) Hoelscher of Bellingham, WA; and Dick (Diane) of Columbia, SC; brother Myron (Violet) of Nashwauk, MN; grandchildren Tony (Jill) and Elena Hoelscher; Carrie (Ryan) Olsen; Elin and Sam Harvey-Carlson; Chris Carlson; great-granddaughter Eva Harvey-Carlson and great-grandson Leo Hoelscher; and numerous nieces and nephews. Interment will be Friday, January 28, at Ft. Snelling at 2PM. Memorial service will be Saturday, January 29, at 1PM, at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Highway 96 W. at Mackubin, Shoreview, MN. A gathering of family and friends will begin one hour before the service.