



Walter Subby MD

February 6, 2014

Subby, Walter MD Another soldier of our "Greatest Generation" passed away peacefully at Colonial Acres, Golden Valley, MN on February 6 at age 99. Born in Albert Lea, MN to Oscar and Lillian Subby, Walter grew up of modest means and worked his way through University of Minnesota Undergraduate and Medical School, graduating in 1939. After graduation Walter entered the Army Medical Corp and at the start of WWII he was shipped off to the South Pacific serving in Guadalcanal and New Guinea. In 1944 he was sent to Germany as member of the 127th Evacuation Hospital and followed behind the campaign of General Patton's 4th Army. He concluded his wartime service as part of the liberating force at Dachau Concentration Camp in Dachau, Germany. He remained there until the war ended as the Senior Medical Officer caring for the surviving prisoners. While at Dachau he captured in photographs the lingering horror of the camp. In commenting about what compelled him to take the photos he said, "I knew the people back home would not believe the kind of brutality I witnessed. It was beyond my kin." After his Honorable Discharge with the rank of Major, Walter met the love of his life Margaret, a young widow with a small son, on a blind date. They were married in 1946 and remained together for 56 years until Margaret's death in 2002. While newlyweds, Dr. Subby completed his residency and then joined the Pathology staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis in 1950. He served there until retirement in 1986. Walter loved the outdoors and treasured the time spent at the lake cabin with his wife, children and grandchildren. His legacy of

compassion and kindness toward everyone he met along the way and his gratitude for every gift of life regardless of how small, are his great gifts to anyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Walter is preceded in death by his loving wife Margaret, his stepson Richard and daughter-in-law Anne. He is survived by his children Mary Pam, Robert, Cindy (David) and Candace, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. The family would like to express their enduring gratitude to Colonial Acres for the exceptional care and love they showed our Father. An aide at Colonial Acres commented upon Walter's death, "if everyone was as kind as Dr. Subby this world would be paradise." Visitation at 10:00 am, service 11:00 am with luncheon to follow on Tuesday, Feb. 11, Washburn-McReavy, Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th & Hwy. 100. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or The National World War II Memorial, Washington D.C. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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“ *TERRI & TOM GROJEAN purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Walter Subby MD.*



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