



Walter Wilder

December 4, 2007

Wilder, Walter Llewellyn, M.D. Age 81, of Edina, passed away November 30, in his sleep. A well-known pediatrician and allergist to generations of children and adults in the metropolitan area, Walter retired at the age of 78. He was the last partner in the firm of Arey, Erickson, Mulholland and Wilder to retire. Walter was a devoted husband, and a wonderful father, grandfather and friend to many. He embarked on his medical career by enlisting in the U.S. Navy as a 17-year-old in 1944. He earned his B.A. and a B.S. in Medicine at the University of Minnesota, before transferring to Harvard Medical School where he graduated with an M.D. in 1950. Walter married Rosemary (Ruzicka) in 1952 and served as a Navy pediatrician at the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in NC during the Korean War. In a highlight of his quarter-century Naval and Naval Reserve career, Walter served for one year as Commanding Officer of the U.S. Navy's Minneapolis Medical Reserve. Walter was predeceased by his beloved wife, Rosemary Helen Wilder, to whom he was married for 53 years, and is survived by his children, Jennifer (Mark) Kierstead of Canaan, ME, Robert (Jennifer) of Wayzata, Thomas (Jennifer) of Shorewood, and Edward (Annette) of Lake Forest Park, WA; eight grandchildren, Daniel, Jessamine, Megan, Eleanor, Robert, Sam, Jena and Natalie; brother John (Susan) of Baton Rouge, LA and sister Martha (Clark) Ewald of Littleton, CO. Funeral service 1 PM Friday at Colonial Church of Edina, 6200 Colonial Way, Edina, with visitation 1 hour prior to service at church. Interment Dawn Valley Cemetery. Memorials to Children's Hospital of

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