



Wayne R. Petersen

May 12, 2016

Petersen, Wayne R. Age 88, of Edina, passed away last week. Preceded in death by parents, Mathias & Anna (Hansen); sisters, Louise, Marie (Schnoor), and Leona (Hall), and brothers, Carsten, Walter, Herman, Elmer, and Alvin. Survived by loving wife Fran of 63 years; children Kathy (Steve) Blesi, Barb (Floyd) Skjerping, Steve Petersen, Karen Rau, and Sharon Petersen; grandchildren Ryan (Jen) Blesi, Patrick (Krystal) Blesi, Dillon Blesi, Katie Rau, and Jen Rau; great-grandchild Crosby Blesi, and many nieces and nephews. Graduate of Tilden High School, Norfolk Junior College, and Spartan School of Aeronautics. Wayne loved flying, earning his pilot's license at age 17. He served 39 years in the military: Navy and Air Force during WWII, and Air Force Reserve, retiring after serving as the Commanding Officer of the 9597 Air Reserve Squadron. He was employed by Minnesota Bearing Company. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Catholic Charities and N.C. Little Hospice. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, May 18 at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina. Burial at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ I will remember Uncle Wayne's laugh. He had such a distinctive laugh it was infectious. I have great memories of our families together in Minnesota. Uncle Wayne was loved by all and my dad will miss him dearly. They were more like brothers than Uncle and nephew. I send my sympathies and love to Aunt Francis and the entire family. May God give you the strength to as you celebrate his life and share your memories. Reflect on his contributions to your family as husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather as I'm sure he was proud of all of you. Uncle Wayne has reunited with his folks and siblings as they reside in heaven together.

My deepest sympathy,

Cindy Schnoor Roberts

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“ I am going to remember the good times we had together. When we would get together and play cards while the children were playing with other toys.

When we would go bird hunting and Fran and Marlene would be our bird dogs in the brush while Wayne and I would be on the wing to shoot when they come our way.

When we visited in the early 60's and we took Steve along to the Twins ball game. Harmon Kilabrew was hitting batting practice and ball after ball going over the fence and Steve said "They are not going to have enough ball to play the game."

Many, Many more could be told. But these are the memories that I will keep forever.

Our prayer and blessings will be with your family forever.

Eldon & Marlene Schnoor

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