



William Arimond

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Arimond, William E. Age 87 Of Hopkins, MN Died August 15 in his home. Bill was born in Duluth on April 3, 1919. He graduated from Denfeld High School and joined the National Guard in anticipation of the war. He volunteered for the first Army Ranger battalion; during training in Scotland in 1942, he formed a lifelong attachment to that country. He served in the 1st and 3rd Ranger battalions, fought in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy, and was a POW in Germany for the last 15 months of WWII. Bill was an accomplished violinist and managed to carry a violin and entertain his comrades through early campaigns. Upon his return he attended the Dunwoody Institute and became a machinist. He married Jennie in 1949; they settled in Hopkins where they shared love and much humor, and raised six kids. His children remember eagerly waiting each spring for the first ride on the tandem bike with their dad, and falling asleep to the sound of his violin. He loved the State Fair, the North Shore, and tinkering in his basement shop. He lost Jennie too soon, in 1982. In his later years he enjoyed reconnecting with his Ranger comrades at reunions, including his last at Lake Okoboji in May 2006. During his last years his dear friend Micky Axton brought him much joy. He was preceded in death by his wife Eugenia (Jennie) L. Arimond (Marincel), his son Peter, his parents George V. and Margaret E. Arimond, his sister Kathryn Blankush, and his brother Raymond Arimond. Bill is survived by five children, Lucy Arimond, Bridget Arimond and Bruce Scheff and their children Laura and Brian, Bill Arimond and Mary Zeleny Arimond and their son Gabriel, Mary Arimond and

Ken Simler and their son Andrew, and John Arimond and Amy Gilman and their daughter Corina, and by his brother, Father Vincent Arimond, and sisters Margaret Bujold and Francis Pinther. VISITATION: 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, at the Washburn-McReavy-Strobeck-Johnson Funeral Home in Hopkins. FUNERAL SERVICES at the same location Monday at 10:00 a.m. with burial at Fort Snelling at 11:45. Luncheon follows at the Hopkins VFW on Shady Oak Road.