



William "Bill" Leonard Becker

May 20, 1915 - October 23, 2015

Loving Husband, Father & Grandpa Age 100 of St. Paul passed away peacefully of natural causes October 23, 2015. Preceded in death by beloved wife of 75 years, Arlene; parents William & Marie; siblings Helen Turnquist and Richard. The son of German immigrants, Bill was born in White Bear Lake, MN and grew up on St. Paul's East Side. Here, he graduated Johnson H.S. in 1933; met, courted, and married Arlene (1939); and raised 3 children, Bill Jr., Sandy, & Margaret. His life was shaped by a love of learning and a drive to better himself. He earned 2 degrees from the University of MN while working full-time to support his family: B.S., Education, 1950; M.A., Curriculum & Instruction, 1958. He taught business classes for several years at Harding H.S. before becoming Director of Business Education for the MN Dept. of Education (1957-1975). In retirement, he continued to teach and served for 20 yrs. as Treasurer for REAM. Later years were also filled with family & friends, church life, and extensive travels. Vibrant and gregarious, Bill loved life, meeting its challenges & opportunities with enthusiasm. Bill is survived by his 3 children, 8 grandchildren, & 3 great-grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday Nov. 5th at 11AM (visitation 10AM) with reception to follow at ARLINGTON HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 1115 Greenbrier Street, St. Paul. Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP, Dad. We'll miss you.* ”

Margaret Schmidt - November 01, 2015 at 12:00 AM