



## William M. Crawford

March 8, 2013

Crawford, William McKindsey II "Bill" age 86, of Edina, passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family on Friday, March 8, 2013. William was the son of Fred and Grace (Richter) Crawford, born in Minneapolis, MN on August 17, 1926. He was a member of the Washburn Class of 1944 and studied Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in June of 1944, but World War II ended before his Aviation Navigator training was complete and he received an Honorable Discharge in November 1945. Mid-career, he received a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Mississippi in 1976. On September 29, 1951, Bill married the love of his life, Margaret (Peggy) Elizabeth Loudon in Minneapolis. This union created three children, William, Margaret and John. Bill was employed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), beginning as a surveyor and ending his 44 year engineering career as District Engineer of the MnDOT Metro District. Following retirement, he consulted briefly with a private engineering firm in Minneapolis. Throughout his long life, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family at the cabin in northern Minnesota. He was very proud of his children, and in his later years, enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Bill was a member of the Minnesota Society of Professional Engineers, the Shriners, Edina JayCees and a 50-year member of the Masons. Bill believed in giving the gift of time and served a number of years on the Highway Federal Credit Union Board of Directors and the Edina Historical Society. He served as Chairman of

the Chapel Hills United Church of Christ Building Committee. William was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Grace Crawford. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Peggy of Edina; his children, William M. Crawford III (Jodi) of Crystal Lake, IL; Margaret M. Crawford Karas (Bill) of Red Lodge, MT; and John F. Crawford (Melissa) of Minnetonka. He is also survived by grandchildren, Kindsey Crawford, William Crawford IV, Grace Karas and Kayley Crawford; as well as a sister Mary Thompson (Rolland) of Edina; and numerous nieces and nephews, for whom he had a special place in his heart. A celebration of his life will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, March 13, at Chapel Hills United Church of Christ at 6512 Vernon Ave. S. in Edina, with a chance to reminisce prior to the celebration at 10 AM; and a luncheon immediately following at the Church. Private interment with honors will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The family asks that memorials be sent to the charity of one's choice . [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Chapel Hills United Church of Christ  
6512 Vernon Ave S  
Edina, MN 55436

## Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bill was a true gentleman----a great engineer and a very talented administrator. To me, he was a mentor who always had my back. He knew how to scold when needed and how to praise when deserved. So sorry that I missed his funeral as I'm out of town this month. To Peg and all the family----you have lost a wonderful person. You have my deepest sympathy----Dennis Luoto----Edina---former Mn/DOT employee.

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**Dennis Luoto** - March 14, 2013 at 08:10 PM

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“ What a beautiful loving ceremony you all gave Mr. Crawford today. The life he lived was amazing , hearing about his accident and his miracle children, his job with Public Works going from "Boots to Suits" becoming a MNDOT engineer,his love for outdoors his cabin and his family was truly a life celebration and so eloquently told by Bill. I work in the park systems in my city and closely with Public Works, the story of Mr. Crawford worrying about the snow plow drivers hit close to home because I do the same thing. To hear the piano playing made me cry, what a gifted man- I could so easily visualize him playing the piano and it brought him there in the church with us listening in awe. You all did your Father so proud today, and I just wanted to let you know what a loving tribute and a true celebration of life you gave him, what beautiful Children and Grandchildren he has to carry on his memory, blessings to you all. Love Doris Zacho

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**Doris Zacho** - March 13, 2013 at 05:20 PM

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“ *Our condolences to Bill's family. Truly sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was always a great mentor and boss. Al and Sandy Pint*

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**Allan Pint** - March 12, 2013 at 03:00 PM