



William Abbott King

July 16, 1918 - April 18, 2020

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died of natural causes at the age of 101 in Saint Paul, MN. Bill is predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Patricia O'Donnell King. He is survived by his children, Janet King; Martha King; Will King (Lisa); and John King; and grandchildren Benjamin Faltesek; Elizabeth King; Alexandra King-Dale (Matthew Dale); Natalie King (Max Hohlen); Nora King; and Elmo King, and great granddaughter Annette Hohlen. Bill was born in Minneapolis to Lyndon M. King and Helen Abbott King. He attended Blake School in Hopkins, MN, and St Mark's School in Southborough, MA, where he was a star baseball pitcher. He attended Yale University before joining the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as a pilot and navigator. His flight crew made a forced landing in Russia, where they were interned for 9 months. Bill worked for Northrup, King & Co., the family seed business, in the field and as secretary and then treasurer. He married Pat in 1947. Bill retired early to return to his love of geology. He studied at the University of Minnesota and prospected for gold in Idaho and Montana. Bill also served on the boards of Abbott Northwestern Hospital, MacPhail Center for Music, Washburn Center for Children, and Lakewood Cemetery. Bill is the great-grandson of William S. King, newspaper journalist, Congressman, and promoter of Minneapolis city parks. He is the grandson of Dr. Amos Abbott, who founded Abbott Hospital, now Abbott Northwestern. Throughout his life, Bill was an avid athlete, playing baseball,

tennis, and golf; a voracious reader of Western novels and scientific magazines; famously, he loved chocolate ice cream. Burial will be by private interment at Lakewood Cemetery. A memorial service will be planned for a later date.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408