



## William Preisler

October 14, 2007

Preisler, William C. Sr. Age 90, of Mpls. Preceded in death by wife, Ellen; 4 brothers, and 2 sisters. Survived by sons, William C. Jr (Kathy), James M. (Cheryl), and John D. (Mary) Becker; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Helen Johnson; many nieces & nephews. Self-sufficient from a young age, was self-taught & proficient in cabinetry, carpentry, electrical, plumbing and heating. His other love was auto mechanics. He rode the rails from Chicago to San Francisco to find work. He worked washing cars then as a salesman of used cars, salad chef's assistant at the Ambassador Hotel, and as a welder at a military supply plant. Bill built new construction in the post war housing boom in the San Fernando Valley. He returned to the family roofing business J.J. Roofing in Lindstrom, MN. In 1954 Bill moved his young family to Mpls and entered the millwork industry. Transitioning from employee to owner of Preisler Wood Industry providing millwork and cabinetry to many Twin Cities building projects including start up Perkins Restaurants and store fronts in Southdale, Rosedale and Brookdale Malls, remodeling at Honeywell, Prudential, Bell Telephone, Graco and custom millwork for local architects. His special project was a hand-built silverware chest presented to President Nixon by the then Minnesota Attorney General. Bill retired in the late '80s. Bill lived in the home he expanded and outfitted with his custom built cabinets and closets until his recent illness. Bill was well-liked & remembered by all who met him and will be greatly missed by his family & friends. Memorials preferred to donor's choice in lieu of

flowers. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Funeral service Monday 10 AM with visitation 1 hour prior at Lakewood Chapel, 36th & Hennepin Ave, Mpls. Visitation also Sunday 3-5 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy. 100