



William "Willie" Francis Proft

December 30, 2013

Proft, William F. "Willie" age 86 of Columbia Heights. Beloved husband, father, grand- father and great-grand- father, was born on September 28, 1927 and left us on December 30, 2013. Preceded in death by father, Herbert Proft, mother, Nellie Proft Helm; step- father, Roman Helm; brother, Robert Proft and sister, Dolores Pittenger. Survived by wife of 66 years, Margaret "Maggie"; five children, Michael (Linda), Susan Campbell (Joe), Kathleen, Thomas (Maggie) and David; twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Also survived by special family members, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mavis Erickson and Leonard "Cas" and Janet Casanova; cousin, Joyce Cech and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. A graduate of Columbia Heights High School, Willie played quarterback for the football team and was involved in intramural boxing, a sport he continued after high school with the Golden Gloves at the Margaret Barry House in NE Minneapolis. He was Owner/Operator of Central Sign Company from 1958 until his retirement. Willie's inquisitive mind led him to many varied hobbies and interests, including golf, fishing, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, poetry, joke-telling, morel mushroom hunting and panning for gold. He will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched. Memorial gathering on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights, 1555 40th Avenue NE, Columbia Heights. In lieu of flowers memorials preferred. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Columbia Hghts Chapel 763-789-4436