



William Roberts

August 17, 2007

Roberts, William J., Sr. 77, of Edina, MN, died Wednesday, August 15, 2007. He was born on September 11, 1929 in Dubuque, Iowa, son of Clyde and Marguerite Roberts. He married Mary (Peg) Moran of Dubuque, Iowa on October 1, 1956. He attended Dartmouth College where he majored in History and played football. As an explosive and hard-nosed fullback, the "Dubuque Express" led the Ivy League in rushing his sophomore year and set the single season rushing record for Dartmouth. As a senior, he was selected to play in the North South Senior Bowl. After he graduated in 1951, he spent two years with the United States Central Intelligence Agency stationed in Formosa during the Korean War. He then joined the United States Marine Corps for two years and spent several years as a Captain in the reserves while living in Chicago. After two years playing professional football with the Green Bay Packers and the British Columbia Lions, he began a 33-year career with 3M, where he retired as a National Sales Manager in 1991. In his retirement, he enjoyed keeping active, golfing, working out, and the extra time to spend with his wife & family. Surviving are his wife, Mary (Peg) Roberts; his four children, Ann (Jack) Enright of West Roxbury, MA, Nancy (Brent) Friendshuh of Apple Valley, MN, Bill (Ann) Roberts of Edina, MN and Michael (Sallyann) Roberts of Duxbury, MA; thirteen grandchildren, John, Brian and Andrew Enright, Kate, Alison and Jack Friendshuh, Blake, Shae and Kai Roberts, and Michael, Maggie, Thomas and John Roberts; his brother, Ray (Jo Ann) Roberts of Dubuque, IA & his two sisters-in-law, Pat Peterson of Louisville, KY and Joan

Wilberding of Sun Prairie, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents & two sisters, Jeanne and Susan. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Monday at Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Avenue in Edina with burial in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis. Friends may call from 4-7 PM Sunday at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100