



William J. "Bill" Smith

January 26, 2014

Smith, William J. "Bill" of Chaska, formerly of Bloomington, passed away Jan. 26, 2014 at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert L. and Agnes. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Luanne; twin brother, Robert G.; sons, Michael (Barbara), Scott (Mary Jane); daughters, Kathleen Ericson, Sharon Bryan, and Kelly (Brenton); and 13 grandchildren. Bill was born in Chicago and raised in Shorewood, WI where he and his brother played and excelled in multiple sports in school. Bill attended Iowa State University, University of Nevada Reno, and the University of Wisconsin where he graduated in 1954. Bill served in the Army, and was deployed to Korea in 1955-1956. Bill had a long business career, including 30 years with the Emery Air Freight Corporation, now Emery Worldwide. Bill enjoyed cooking, fishing, singing and music, particularly Irish music. He was a great friend to many and will be greatly missed. There will be a gathering 4-8 PM, with prayer service 7 PM, at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel in Bloomington, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Rd., on Thurs., Jan. 30. Interment next summer in Nebraska. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Bill's name preferred to donor's choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Bros. Chapel 952-884-8145

Tribute Wall



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Smith.*



January 30, 2014 at 09:01 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Smith.*



January 27, 2014 at 04:50 PM

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“ I had the good fortune to go fishing with Bill and his son Mike on a couple of occasions. On one of those occasions we met at Mike's house and hooked up the boat, loaded the coolers, fishing poles, etc. I believe we were headed for Dixon Lake on the Winnie chain north of Grand Rapids. This was one of Bill's go to places. As we left Mike's house and stopped at the on ramp for Crosstown 62 much to our collective surprise the boat trailer puched a hole through the back of Bill's Bronco. None of us had thought to close the latch on the trailer hitch. I think Mike and I were more worked up about it than Bill was. I seem to recall a couple of choice words and then a chuckle from Bill who saw the humor in it. He was always quick with a laugh. He was one of those guys everybody liked.

*Boyd Perttu
Family Friend*

Boyd Perttu - January 27, 2014 at 11:23 AM