



CARL EDWIN 'ED' MUNSON

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Carl Edwin "Ed" Munson, 105, Aitkin, died on Sunday, March 27, 2016, at Aitkin Health Services. He was born Nov. 7, 1910, in Minneapolis to August and Hilda (Benson) Munson.

He attended school in Sacramento, Calif. Ed was united in marriage to Mildred "Millie" Marie Petersen Dec. 28, 1940, in Minneapolis. They were married for 70 years until Millie's death in 2011. He was also preceded in death by his parents, August and Hilda; granddaughter, Jamie Rae Hiler; and sister, Ellen Sinkler.

He is survived by his son, Rick and daughter-in-law Michelle Munson, Eagan; and daughter, Joanne "Jo" Hiler, Little Falls. He has five grandchildren: Matt (Jenny) Munson, Scott Munson, Jesse (Jeremy) Schultz, Jeremiah Hiler, Joanna Hiler; two stepgrandchildren: Garrett and Ashley Sprouse; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1941, served in World War II and was engaged in the Battle of Okinawa where they came under attack by the largest concentration of Japanese firepower in the Pacific War and suffered 10,000 casualties, including 1,625 killed. Ed was part of the "Deadeyes" 96th Infantry Division that engaged in the largest battle of the war in the Pacific.

After returning from the war, Ed went on to work 35 years for Minneapolis Gas Company (Minnegasco) as a gas main locater.

In 1972 Ed and Millie retired to their lake home in Aitkin (Clear Lake) and spent the next 25 years watching the sunset from their deck and spending joyous days with their friends and family at the "cabin." They began hosting the 4th of July family reunion weekend with the Burckhards, Petersens, Munsons and extended family, a tradition which continues to this day. Ed was able to join the family in his later years and never missed the parade which grew from modest beginnings to one that now attracts

hundreds of people. Ed was a builder at heart and with the help of a few neighbors took on many large projects in his retirement years including adding a basement, bathroom, bedroom and garage to his lake home. If he wasn't building something, he had a shovel in his hands and always found a place to dig a hole, often it seemed only to put the dirt back in place. And start over. He was a gentle soul who adored his family and especially lit up when he was able to spend time with his grandchildren. The last five years of his life were spent at Aitkin Health Services. He received incredible care and love by the entire staff. Ed's family is indebted to those who cared for him and treated him like he was part of their family.

We would ask that memorials be considered to Aitkin Health Services in lieu of flowers.

The funeral service will be at noon, Saturday, April 2, 2016, at Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin. Rev. Melissa Carmack will officiate. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and will continue one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Aitkin. Military honors provided by Aitkin American Legion Lee Post 86 and Aitkin VFW Roberts-Glad Post 1727