



Benjamin "Ralph" Edwards

December 24, 1925 - June 6, 2013

Edwards, Benjamin "Ralph" 87, of Lake Bluff, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Lake Forest Hospital. He was born December 24, 1925 in Colorado Springs, CO, to the late William and Carrie (Turner) Edwards. He grew up in Pomona, CA and attended college there before being drafted by the U.S. Army. Ralph spent 23 years in the military and fought in three wars; WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam. Upon his retirement, he and his family settled in Illinois and he spent the next 27 years working as a civilian gunsmith at Fort Sheridan. His last duty before retirement was to help ready weapons for deployment to Desert Storm. Ralph was a past Master of A.O. Fay Masonic lodge of Highland Park and Past President of the Lake County Shrine Club. He was also a member of the Lake Michigan Chapter of Sojourners, the Medinah Shrine temple and other Masonic organizations. Ralph's greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family and his dog, Mia. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Shirley Edwards of Lake Bluff; 3 children, Vicky (Dirk) Rasmussen of Wauconda, Sherry (David) McHone of Stevens Point, WI, Steven Edwards of Lake Bluff; 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth McHone, Tanner and Taylor Edwards, Kristen, Erik, and Emily Rasmussen. He was preceded in death by his son, Terry Edwards in 1960 and by his grandson, Ian McHone in 1988. A visitation will be from 3 until the time of service at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 15, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Libertyville, 219 W. Maple Ave. Libertyville, IL 60048. A private interment will be at Wildwood Cemetery in Sheboygan, WI. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to

Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave. Chicago, IL 60707.
Arrangements made by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, For Info: (847)362-3009
or please sign the guestbook at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ vicky, dirk and family.....our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad. he is resting now in the arms of the angels.

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“ MRS. SHIRLEY EDWARDS AND FAMILY: WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE PASSING OF YOUR DEAR HUSBAND. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO KEEP AND BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND FAMILY.LORRAINE GLOVER-HARRIS, HOWARD HARRIS, JENNIE AND LEILA GLOVER

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“ Shirley and Family, Sorry to hear of Ralph's death. Sending my thoughts, prayers and sympathies. Treasure your memories.Lois Tasker

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“ Steve and family: Please Accept my sympathies for your loss. We will remember your Dad in our prayers today and on Father's Day! And our thoughts are with you and your family.

Tom Egan - April 27, 2018 at 06:27 AM



“ *Vicky, Dirk and family - I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.*
~Peggy

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“ *My condolences and sincere regrets are being sent to the family. May your memories continue to be vivid. God Bless.*

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