



Arthur Douglas Spicer

June 26, 1915 - October 12, 2013

Arthur Douglas Spicer, age 98, passed away on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at his home in Lac du Flambeau. He was born on June 26, 1915 in Summit, New Jersey, the son of Harold L. and Florence B. Spicer. After finishing high school, Doug attended Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, but prior to finishing his degree he was offered a job on a steamship. He took that job and went around the world twice on that ship, a painting of which hung over his fireplace. He later finished his degree in Electrical Engineering. Doug's first job was at the Long Island Lighting Company in New York, where his uncle is credited with getting him the job. He worked in numerous locations including Texas, New York, Arkansas, Illinois and Wisconsin as an Electrical Engineer. Doug was awarded a Certificate of Honor for his civilian work for the United States Army during World War II. He first saw his future wife while he was in the boys' choir and she in the girls' choir of their Episcopal Church; and the rest became history. Doug married Katharine "Tinks" and they were married for 65 years until her death in 2007. Doug and Tinks loved road trips; while living in Illinois in the 1950's, they discovered the Pine Grove Resort in Lac du Flambeau. After falling in love with the area they eventually bought a house in the 1960's on White Fish Lake which they remodeled and ultimately retired to. They became very involved in St. Matthias Episcopal Church and this is also where Doug met his best friend, Al Ames. Doug designed and oversaw the building of an addition to the church and served for a time as a Vestry member. Doug was an accomplished painter with a gallery of his original oil

paintings attached to his home. He was also a talented pianist, gardener and story teller. Doug and Tinks spent many winters in Santa Cruz, CA, where Doug was known to paint many seascapes and even winter scenes while they were there. He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Spicer and is survived by his two sons, Doug Jr. of Texas and Bruce (Joan) of California; his sister, Hope Dunlap of Georgia and two "honorary adopted" grandchildren, Tommy and Jennifer Howard. Visitation will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at the Bolger Funeral Home Minocqua Chapel. A Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 21, 2013 at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua.

Cemetery Details

St. Matthias Memorial Garden

Minocqua, WI 54548

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services - Minocqua Chapel
212 West Chicago Street
Minocqua, WI 54548
(715) 356-3200
bolgerfuneral@gmail.com
<https://www.bolgerfuneral.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
403 E. Chicago Avenue
Minocqua, WI 54548

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Geralyn Sweet - October 13, 2013 at 11:16 AM

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Doug always had kind words to say and took good care of Tink as long as he could. One night my husband and I went out to eat for our Anniversary and Doug and Tink were at the same place and while waiting for their dinner to arrive, Doug started singing softly to Tink. I felt the special love they had... on my special anniversary day and it made me cherish the simple things of appreciating each other and growing old together can be a beautiful thing, no matter where you are. We secretly picked up their dinner that night. Cherish your memories and have fun making new ones. Karen

Karen S - November 01, 2013 at 03:11 PM