



## Donald Raabe

January 15, 1920 - February 5, 2012

Donald E. Raabe, 92. of Minocqua, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 at the Avanti Health and Rehabilitation Center in Minocqua. Born on January 15, 1920 in Milwaukee to Walter and Elsie Raabe. Married Ruth J. Wetzel on August 2, 1941 in Milwaukee. Don's love of baseball led into a stint in the minor leagues followed by a long career in the Shorewood Fire Department in Milwaukee. He and Ruthie learned how to snow-ski in their late 40's and Don went on to study/train to become a ski patroller. This led into many rewarding years as the ski patrol director at Black Jack Mountain in Upper Michigan. Long-time resident of Milwaukee and North Lake, WI; Boulder Junction (Wild Rice Lake) and finally Timber Ridge, Don and Ruthie spent their "golden" years golfing and enjoying the beautiful northwoods and for some years the snowbirds traveled to Gulf Shores, AL for the winter. Surviving are sister-in-law, Dorothy L. Wetzel-Schaefer (Kenneth) of Minocqua/Erin, WI; niece Barbara (Larry) Felsecker of Galesburg, IL; nephews, Ronald Raabe (Sharyn) of Nashotah, WI; William C. Wetzel of Minocqua and many, many dear friends. Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife, "Ruthie" and son, "Donnie" ; his brother, James, and his parents. Visitation will take place at the Bolger Funeral Home in Minocqua on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 2-3 PM followed by a funeral service officiated by Pastor Gary Cole at 3 PM. Interment will be at Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield. Memorials can be made to the Madsen-Empey American Legion Post 89; PO Box 678 Minocqua, WI 54548.