



Loiel "Pete" S. Ryan

January 17, 1922 - April 10, 2011

Loiel was born January 17, 1922, to Loiel and Gladys Ryan of Little Falls. He graduated from Little Falls High School in 1939 and attended Northwestern University, Chicago, where he graduated with high honors from its now Kellogg School of Management in 1941 with a double major in finance and accounting. He received a medical discharge from the Navy in 1942. In 1944 he married Geraine Cameron, who was also a 1939 graduate of Little Falls High School. They were married for 66 years. Pete returned to Little Falls in 1948 for the purpose of revitalizing the Crestliner boat company. He was managing director during years of rapid growth, and chairman of the board. In 1960, with controlling interest of the company, Pete decided to sell Crestliner to the Bigelow-Sanford Corp. and retire to do the work he loved, managing financial investments. Pete was a naturalist and conservationist at heart. As a teenager he was a pioneering bird bander for the U.S. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. He continued this all his life, several times banding more birds in Minnesota than any other private person. Pete had a passion for travel which was nurtured by his parents who took him on trips all over the U.S. He continued to travel extensively with his wife, first with their children and later together abroad. Pete is survived by his wife, Geraine, his three daughters, Geraine (Ross) Burrows of Oklahoma, Sally (Jon) Riitters of Little Falls, and Holly Ryan of Little Falls; grandchild Ryan (Jennifer) Schafer of Excelsior and great-grandchildren Gabriella, Michaela and Gavin; grandchild Roland (Jenny) Schafer of Ft. Worth, Texas, and great-grandchildren Eleanor and Emily. Pete

was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. William H. Ryan of Modesto,
California.

Memorial donations preferred to the Audubon Society.

Previous Events

Service

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Church
1000 SE 1st Street
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Loiel "Pete" S. Ryan*

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Ryan's passing. Through the years I've been kept entertained by stories of his good humor, passion for nature and adamant views on this 'n that. My condolences and deepest sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Steve Hoffmann##imported-end##*

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