



Russell Barber

January 11, 1917 - February 1, 2012

Russell Barber, 95 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away at the VA Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Steve Priola officiating. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation was from 10-11 A.M. on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Russell was born on January 11, 1917 in Bruce Township, Todd County, Minnesota to the late Charles D. and Jessie I. (Willson) Barber. He attended School in Swanville, Minnesota. Russell worked five years in the harvest fields in Western Minnesota. He was in two civilian conservation camps in Minnesota. Russell joined the United States Army National Guard in Long Prairie, Minnesota in October of 1940. He was united in marriage to Sophie E. Wirth on May 1, 1943 in Reno, Nevada. The couple lived in Oakland, California, Saline, Kansas and Paris, Texas during Russell's military career. He was honorably discharged in 1945. The couple then moved back to St. Paul, Minnesota and worked for Fairway Foods from October of 1947 to January 11, 1978. Russell enjoyed sports, gardening and reading. He had his summer lake home on Crookneck Lake in Minnesota for 40 years. Russell also enjoyed his winter home in Weslaco, Texas for 31 years. He enjoyed his time in Minnesota and Texas and traveling between the two places with his life

partner, Sophia.

Russell is survived by many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sophie; parents; sisters, Doris Lawrence and Faythe Langsdorf and brothers Ben and Warren Barber.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Barber*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM