

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

# EDWARD LESTER BARKER

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Edward Lester Barker passed away on August 28, 2011 in his apartment at the Forum at the Crossings in Indianapolis. He was 100 years old.

Edward Lester Barker was born in DeKalb, Illinois on April 8, 1911 to William Louis Barker who was a Northwestern Law School graduate and mother Lulu Barker, a teacher and supervising nurse at the hospital in Aurora.

Ed graduated from Aurora High School in Aurora, Illinois in 1929, where he enjoyed playing sports in high school as well as being in the National Honor Society, and served as Treasure of the Hi Y Club. He attended the University Illinois where he belonged to the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity. There he met Evelyn Nelson. In 1932 they left the university because of the Depression and returned to live with their families, getting jobs in Chicago. In 1934 Ed was hired by Drug Package, Incorporated in St. Louis, Missouri. Ed decided he could not leave Chicago without Evelyn, so he proposed. She accepted, and they were married August 29, 1934. They had a beautiful marriage enjoying their friends and family for 70 years.

They were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood, Missouri where they lived for 51 years.

As avid golfers, Algonquin Golf Club was a second home for all of his family including wedding receptions for his daughters and a granddaughter. Ed served on many committees and he and Evelyn were on Algonquin bowling team for many years.

Ed worked for Drug Package Inc. for 42 years as a salesman in Michigan and then as Vice President in charge of sales in O'Fallon, Mo.

The family's favorite place on earth and where they spent their summers was at their cottage (built by Evelyn's father in 1921) in South Haven, Michigan.

Christmas was a special time for the Barker family. They would gather at the family home in Kirkwood until it became too difficult and then if they were not on a cruise they would meet at the Disney Resort in Vero Beach, Disneyland, Jamaica, and in most recent years the Forum at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

He has lived at the Forum in Indianapolis for the past seven years and is referred to as the "Mayor". He has been blessed with many friends at the Forum and appreciated and enjoyed their company. He liked

watching sporting events, Lawrence Welk, and TCM. He read the Indianapolis Star and the Wall Street Journal daily. If asked for a stock tip he would say "buy and hold!" He has touted Walgreen's stock since his original purchase many years ago.

Evelyn passed away on December 26, 2004. His granddaughter Colleen Drennan passed away November 1984. Ed is survived by his three daughters, Carolee Drennan, Barb (Ron) Nysten, and Kay Harris; his seven grandchildren, Jeffrey (Sue) Drennan, Anne (Hank) Marron, Tim Drennan, Susan (Dennis) Bradley, Laurie (Tim) Higgins, Roger (Katharine) Nysten, Chad (Carrie) Harris; and his ten great grandchildren, Nicholas and Lindsey Drennan, Colleen and Claudia Marron, Shelby, Amy, and Noah Bradley, and Erin, Evelyn and Brennan Higgins.