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God bless the memory of Ralph Messer.**

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Help me embrace a little child before it's
too late, or save an older person from the
horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the
weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently to put the fire
out.
I want to fill my calling
to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor
and protect their property.
And if, according to my fate,
I am to lose my life;
Please bless with your protecting hand
my children and my wife".*



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March 31, 1946
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Passed Away

January 7, 2025
Fridley, Minnesota
at the age of
78 years, 9 months and 7 days.

Funeral Service

Saturday, January 25, 2025 ~ 11:00AM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
1200 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis
Pastor David Shinn, Officiating

Preceded in death by

parents, Dallas and Virginia Messer

He will be deeply missed by

his children, Lara Messer (Steven Honse),
Todd Messer (Kathy), Walter Messer (Jessica);
10 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren;
siblings, Richard Messer (Ronnie) of St. Albans, VT,
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2 nieces, 2 nephews; many relatives, good friends
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