



Bret Malcolm Sears

June 16, 2011

Born in Milwaukee, WI, on April 11, 1906. Passed away on June 16, 2011, at the age of 105. Resident of St. John's on the Lake. Beloved husband of the late Elsbeth (Nickel) Sears. Further survived by dear game playing friends and former students. Bret received his B.M. from Oberlin Conservatory in 1928. He did post graduate work at Oberlin and then studied one year in Paris. He taught at the former Milwaukee State Teachers College now UWM. Later with his wife, established their own studios. Bret performed at concerts in the 30's and 40's and then devoted the rest of his career to teaching. He along with Elsbeth originated the Piano Talenteens competition which was held for 16 years. Bret was a faculty member of the American College of Musicians, an adjudicator for the National Guild of Piano Teachers, a member of the Milwaukee Music Teachers Association, the Civic Music Association, the Seven Arts Society and the Whitefish Bay Retired men's club. Bret and Elsbeth traveled extensively and Bret gave over 100 travelogues. For information or to send an on-line condolence, email: nsfs@wi.rr.com Service & Reception InfoEntombment at Wisconsin Memorial Park will take place on Tuesday, June 21 at 11:00 AM (meet in Red Parking Area). A Memorial Service will take place at 3PM on July 6, 2011 at St. John's on the Lake Chapel, 1840 North Prospect Avenue. Heartfelt appreciation to the staff and caregivers at St. John's Home for their tender, compassionate care of Bret. Memorials to St. John's on the Lake for the Bret and Elsbeth Sears Piano Restoration Fund.