

For All the Saints

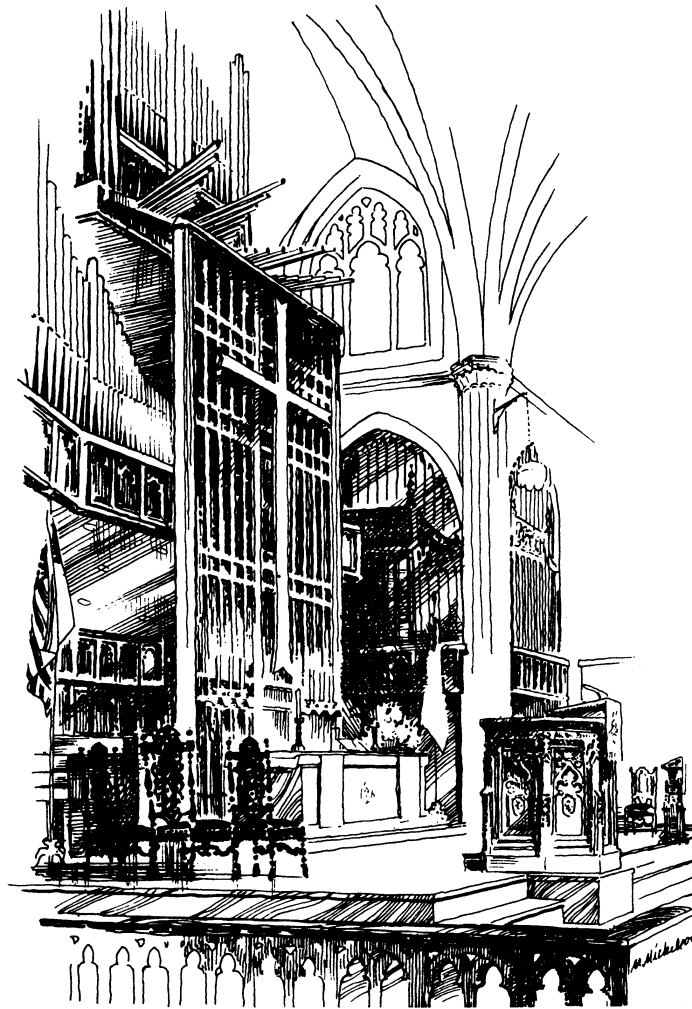
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Velma “Viki” Anne Kimsal

1926 – 2023



Velma "Viki" (Roth) Kimsal passed away peacefully on October 27, 2023, from multiple myeloma.

Viki was born on March 10, 1943, in Dryden, Ontario. Her family lived in several Minnesota communities where her father served as a Lutheran pastor. Viki graduated in 1961 from Gibbon High School in Gibbon, Minnesota and went on to Valparaiso University majoring in Theology and graduating with a Bachelor of Arts. She worked as a deaconess in Long Island, New York, and married Ron Kimsal while there. They moved to Michigan to raise their two children. She did course work at the University of Michigan and became a Licensed Social Worker. After a divorce, Viki moved back to Minnesota.

In the early nineties, Viki went back to college at the same time as both of her children. She received a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law and passed the bar in 1993. She worked as a staff attorney for Dorsey & Whitney, specializing in Indian law and governance. She left Dorsey in 1996 to pursue her interests in ethical leadership. She served as a Program Officer for the Northwest Area Foundation and later as an instructor and

program director at St. Mary's University.

She met her love, Kent, in 1993 and married in 1998. They thoroughly enjoyed tennis, traveling, volunteering, and socializing, always together. She really wanted to live to 100 but had to settle for 80. Viki (please don't call her Velma) was always full of energy and ideas, always generous and always ready to jump in and lend a hand. She was feisty and fun and did most things fast. Her favorite time was family time and loved cooking delicious meals and celebrating togetherness. She was dedicated to faith, wellness, and friends.

She is survived by her husband Kent Gustafson; daughter Jill (Craig) Sinclair; daughter-in-law Lora Horan- Kimsal; stepson Ross (Jen) Gustafson and stepdaughter Kara Johnson; grandsons Gus (Nicole Tesch) and Calvin Sinclair and Caden Horan- Kimsal; step-grandchildren Julia and Jonah Gustafson, Kendall and Max Johnson; brothers Ed (Ruth) and Paul (Denise) Roth; sisters Meta Krueger, Lyn (Ron) Tausen, and Kathy Roth.

Viki is preceded in death by her parents Erhart and Nelda Roth, and her son James Paul (JP). Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Ardys “Ardie” Yvonne Hjerpe

1932 – 2023



Ardys “Ardie” Yvonne Hjerpe, 91, of Crosslake Minnesota, passed away on October 29, 2023, at Johanna Shores. She was a long-time resident of Saint Paul, and in later years, wintered at Waverly Gardens.

Ardie was born on May 7, 1932, in Granite Falls, and grew up on her parent’s family farm in rural Cottonwood. She graduated from Cottonwood High School in 1950. Ardie completed her nursing training in 1953 from Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. She married Roger Hjerpe in 1955, and they settled in St. Paul, where they raised their family. Ardie worked as a Registered Nurse in various roles and medical settings, until she left her nursing career to retire in Crosslake. Ardie was a member of Crosslake Lutheran Church, was active in golf league, and enjoyed playing duplicate bridge in Ideal.

Ardie is survived by her daughter, Cynthia; son, Bruce (JulieAnne); grandchildren, Josef (Chloe), Anna (Carl) Graefe; cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger; brothers, Harlow, and Lewon; in-laws and cousins. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Bryon Eric Gunsch

1962 – 2023



Bryon Eric Gunsch, age 61, of Minneapolis, passed away suddenly on November 15, 2023.

He was a creative, unique, and giving individual whose passions were his family and the theater. He started volunteering on the Dakota Stage in Bismarck, North Dakota, with acting, directing, and running tech, then parlayed that in 2001 to become the Theater Technical Director of Bryant Lake Bowl in Minneapolis. He had a knack for keeping old equipment running and was proud to support many stagefuls of artists in delivering over 10,000 shows.

Bryon met Sara Dravland through theater and built their lives in Minneapolis, together raising the light of their eyes, their daughter Lily. He considered every year past age 38 to be "bonus time" and the happiest of his life. He loved music, sci-fi, board games, puzzles, roller skating, bowling, cooking, sewing, brewing homemade root beer, and of course, his family.

He is survived by Sara and Lily; his mother Delores; brothers Gregg (Cherry) and Trace (Deb); brother-in-law Paul Dravland; and nieces and nephews Jason, Virginia, Andrew, Allison, Hannah, and Eddie.

Bryon was preceded in death by his father, Harold Gunsch; his in-laws, Alvin and Clarice Dravland; and brother and sister-in-law David and Faith Dravland. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Sylvia Lucille Anderson

1923 – 2023



Sylvia Lucille Anderson died peacefully at Inspired Living in Bonita Springs, Florida on November 24, 2023. She was born - an Anderson - in Denver, Colorado on September 4, 1923, to Edwin and Agnes Anderson. Sylvia was an only child.

Sylvia attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas for just over a year. She was working as a church secretary at Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado when seminary student

Marbury Anderson did a brief summer internship there. The two corresponded frequently and Marbury asked her to a formal seminary event. Sylvia and Marbury were married in the evening of the day he graduated from Augustana Lutheran Seminary in Rock Island, Illinois, June 13, 1948.

Sylvia served faithfully as Marbury's helpmate as they served congregations in Sheridan and Buffalo, Wyoming; Fort Worth, Texas; and Minneapolis, Minnesota before serving in Sylvia's home congregation Augustana Lutheran in Denver, Colorado. One final call brought them back to Minnesota – to Mankato – where they served in their final formal call. The professional careers of Sylvia and Marbury were completed with post-retirement calls in visitation and interim pastoral roles.

During Marbury's ministries Sylvia immersed herself in many church activities but was exceptional in her mastery of handwork, designing cross-stitched kneelers and assisting in making hardanger altar cloths. She also ventured into oil painting and water colors, creating portraits, scenes of family outings at their cherished cabin, and still life

Sylvia is survived by her son Bradbury (Janet); daughter Lynnette Faber; grandchildren Sarah Wright Halpin (Tom), Erik Anderson, Kenneth Faber (Audrey), Jeremy Anderson (Katie Day), Laura Faber; 10 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents; husband Marbury; and son Marston. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Bernice Julia Vik

1925 – 2023



Bernice Julia Vik, age 98, passed away December 2, 2023, in Minneapolis.

She joined Central Lutheran on April 22, 1956 and was a longtime member of Grace Circle.

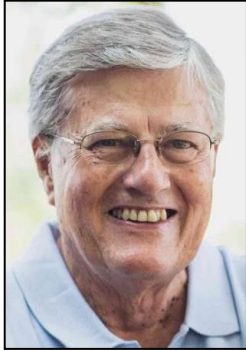
She is survived by cousins and friends.

Bernice was preceded in death by parents Ole and Bertina Vik, sister Ellen Jepson, brother Alfred Vik. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Frederick “Fred” William Brumm III

1949 – 2023



Frederick William Brumm III, age 74, entered the loving arms of the Lord on December 2, 2023, after battling esophageal cancer.

Fred was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 28, 1949, to Helen and Frederick Brumm II. Upon graduating from Baldwin High School, Fred moved to St. Paul, Minnesota where he attended Bethel College and Seminary, earning his Master of Divinity. After an impactful career in healthcare administration, Fred spent the last ten years of his life serving others in ministry as a Chaplain for Presbyterian Homes and Services.

Fred is survived by his children Christian, Norrie (Ian), Natasha (Nicholas), Courtney (Johnathan), Aaron; their mother Claudia; grandchildren Gwendolyn and William; sister Bonnie (Dave); and nephew and niece Kevin and Kim (Tim).

He was predeceased by his parents, Helen, and Frederick. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Caroline “Cassie” Kilgore Dillon

1984 – 2023



Caroline "Cassie" Kilgore Dillon, age 39, of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota passed peacefully from this life to the next after a brief illness on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

She was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She obtained a double Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Spanish from Luther College, Iowa. She was a terrific Sister, Aunt, Niece, and Friend. Her smile, sense of humor and big heart will be forever missed by all that knew her. Cassie loved animals and especially her rescue dog and companion, Sugarbear. She adored her niece (Carlye) and nephew (Owen) and spent a fun summer in

2023 making memories while nannying them.

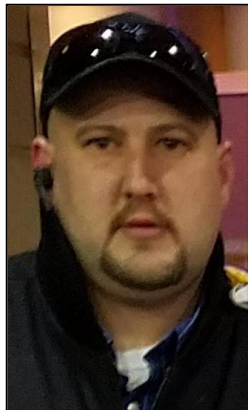
Cassie is survived by brother, Matthew (Tracy) Dillon of Minnetrista, Minnesota and aunt Jill Padua of Narrowsburg, New York.

She was preceded in death by parents Nancy Dillon in December 2020, Robert Dillon in April 2021; and her grandparents. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Michael “Mike” Richard Freeman

1982 – 2023



Michael Richard Freeman, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota, was born to James Richard Graham and Joyce Kay Freeman (Brindamour). He was a son, a brother, a father, an uncle, a friend and to some a savior and a hero. He was full of life, and he was always on the go, and was a man of many, many talents. He pushed past his own limits because he strongly believed that if we want to succeed then we must work hard, and if/or when we feel/or felt like giving up, we must push harder. Almost every day when he woke up his goal was to put a smile on someone’s face, which he always managed to accomplish. So many people can tell many stories of jokes and pranks he has pulled just to make that smile happen and that is what gave him his smile. One of his biggest wishes and dreams he had was for his family, his work, and his life to have meaning and to him it meant everything. He wanted to make an impact on the world for the greater good. And he managed to accomplish that even if it was only for a second, an hour, a day, a week, a month or even a year he was a person who was selfless, and he was there for people in times of need and of sorrow. And He will always be cherished, remembered, and never forgotten.

He is survived by his sisters, Angela Graham, Jennifer Graham, Judy Freeman, Melissa (Lisa) Freeman and his brother Larry (Sam) Freeman. His younger children Jaxtin Waller, Jestin Waller, his stepdaughter Diavian Waller, and their mother his fiancé/girlfriend Abigail Waller, As well as an older son Austin Carlson from a previous relationship, along with many, many more step siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his father James R. Graham; his mother Joyce K. Freeman (Brindamour) and his brother Tom C. Freeman as well as his little nephew Ryan L. Morris. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





David "Dave" Willard Forse

1933 – 2024



David Willard Forse of Golden Valley, Minnesota passed away peacefully at Sunrise of Golden Valley Assisted Living on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

He was 90 years old. David was born June 17, 1933, in Galesburg, Illinois. He attended schools in Illinois, Iowa, and Texas. After a four-year term of service as a navigator in the Air Force, David returned to Minneapolis to be near his parents. He graduated with a degree in History from the University of Minnesota. It was at the U where David met his first wife, Ione Doretha Hozendorf, with whom he had his daughter. "Dot" and Dave lived several years in Connecticut where Dave tried his hand in the antiques business. After their marriage ended, Dot moved to Los Angeles with Diane. David returned again to Minneapolis where he met Patricia in the Singletons Social Club. During the early years of their marriage, Dave and Pat lived in Miami, Florida where he worked at Ebonite and at All Tech Industries, Recreational Division in premium and institutional sales. In Minneapolis, David worked in marketing at Brinktun (pool tables) and later as a cost estimator and personnel manager at Schaper Toy Manufacturing (Cootie, Mr Potato Head, The Last Straw, Playmobile). He said it wasn't as fun as it sounds. Having had enough of the Florida heat, Dave and Pat returned to Golden Valley where they felt at home and where they remained for the rest of their lives. They shared a love of travel, collecting quirky antiques, volunteering with the Minneapolis Civic Orchestra and their church, Central Lutheran. Always a lover of joking around, when told that everyone needs someone to cry for them when they leave this world, David replied, "don't cry for me, laugh for me!" Although he could be difficult for those who wanted to be closer to him, David will be remembered for his playful spirit, love of laughter, his handyman skills, puttering around the house, his numerous collections from coins to shot glasses and for his love of Dad jokes and storytelling.

He is survived by his daughter, Diane Michele Forse of Williamsburg, Virginia; grandchildren, Stephen Dickinson of Minneapolis, Joshua Dickinson of Portland, Oregon and Samantha Dickinson of Anchorage, Arkansas; as well as a brother John Forse (Cheryl) and nieces, Erin, Nicole, Tanya, Elisa and Lorien.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Patricia Lehrke Forse; his parents J.W. "Bill" Forse and Gertrude Sweat Forse of Crystal, Minnesota; infant sister JoAnn Forse, and sister M. Suzanne Byerley of Solon, Ohio. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Kathleen “Kathy” Anne Otis

1947 – 2024



Kathy, age 76, passed away at home on January 11, 2024, having dealt bravely with cancer for six years.

Kathy grew up in Richfield and graduated from Richfield High School and then Stephens College. She retired as an accountant from Lupient Automotive Group in 2019. An active member of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, volunteered faithfully at its Restoration Center.

Kathy is remembered by her many friends for her enthusiasm, wry humor, and pragmatism. She loved walking and reading and was quick to volunteer for projects and do them well. She was always concerned about the welfare of others and modeled grace and courage in keeping on with her life in these last years.

She is survived by Larry Angeles, her partner for 25 years; her daughter Libby Peterson; her sister-in-law Christine Larsen; niece Emily, and nephew Andy. Also surviving are Larry's sons James and Paul and his three grandsons.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents Bob and Mary Louise Larsen of Richfield, and her brother Bob Larsen. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Ione Evangeline Agrimson Hanson

1946 – 2024



Ione Evangeline Agrimson Hanson, born March 28, 1946, in Dickinson, North Dakota; died on January 11, 2024.

Ione often described herself as "a woman of the Dakota prairies." Ione is being remembered for her dignity, grace, wisdom, strength, hospitality; for her love of music and for her lifelong commitment to the wellbeing of children. The mystery and beauty of life were woven into Ione's whole being. She embraced a deep connection to nature and would share its wonder with others through her gardening.

Ione graduated from Augsburg University (BA) and Hunter College of Social Work (MSW). Her vocation as a social worker focused on children including serving as Director of Social Work for Children's Medical Center - Minneapolis and St. Paul. As a person of faith Ione was involved in the Lutheran Church in varied contexts. She embraced the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with people throughout the world while traveling with Mark when he served as ELCA Presiding Bishop and President of the Lutheran World Federation.

Diagnosed in 2010 with memory loss, Ione and her family did not let memory loss define Ione's personhood or diminish her dignity. From March 2020 until her death Ione lived in, and was lovingly cared for, by the Emerald Crest community in Burnsville. Prior to that she was an active participant in the Open circle day program in Hopkins. During the last weeks of Ione's life, the team from Brighton Hospice tended to Ione with tenderness and compassion.

Ione is survived by husband, Mark S.; children, Aaron (Emily Svien), Alyssa, Rachel (Troy) Brown, Ezra, Isaac and Elizabeth (Alyssa Schwitzer); grandchildren Sam, Olivia, Naomi, Kingston, Danielle, Sophia, Remi and Selah; sister, Renae (Steve) Halverson; sister-in-law, Mary (Chris) Trodahl; uncle Rev. Raynard Huglen; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceded in death by parents, Reverend J. Elmo and Cordelia Agrimson; brother Robb Agrimson; and sister-in-law Joanne Negstad. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Julia “Julie” Kristine Allen

1952 – 2024



The essence of Julie was her role as peacemaker, wherever she went. She was known to treat all with love and respect. In the end, her good heart prevailed, despite what all her mind forgot.

Julie was born November 15, 1952, in Clearwater, Florida, and grew up there and in Mount Prospect, Illinois. She graduated from Forest View High School, where she met and went on her first date with future husband, Tom, whom she married in 1973. Julie went on to get a bachelor’s degree in biology from Luther College and another bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She worked in cardiac care nursing and nursing staff development. Julie shared her natural leadership skills with numerous non-profits when her children were younger. Eventually, Julie encountered her real passion for organization development, which led her to work as an independent consultant for Shared Decisions Minnesota and in her own consulting business.

Julie was in church choirs from the age of five. Her passion for singing stayed with her throughout life. She was a founding member of Giving Voice Chorus, a choir for those suffering from memory loss, and their caregivers. As the disease progressed, Julie kept singing, even when she could no longer speak. After Julie was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, she was active in leadership in the local and the national Alzheimer's Association, making presentations throughout the country and internationally regarding her experience.

A special thanks to all the people who have supported Julie along the way, especially the choir and people of Central Lutheran Church, the Alzheimer's Association, Giving Voice Chorus, Johanna Shores of Arden Hills, Compassion and Choices.

Julia (Julie) Kristine Allen (née Jacobsen), aged 71, beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, passed away after a long and courageous journey through Alzheimer's.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; children, Erik (Jennifer Logan Allen) and Jeffrey (Alison Allen); grandchildren, Finn, August, and Layla; brother Steven Jacobsen (Edie); sister Karen Hansen (Paul); honorary sister Susan Erickson (James).

Julie was preceded in death by mother and father, Theodore and Freda Jacobsen; and brother, Mark. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Anita Helen Lyle

1945 – 2024



Anita Helen Lyle music educator, church musician, beloved mother and grandmother, died on January 19, 2024, in Oakdale, Minnesota.

She was 78. Anita was born on March 17, 1945, the first of three children born to Clifford and Constance Nyhus. She grew up on the family farm outside of Deerfield, Wisconsin. She was educated at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she studied music education. She took a break from her teaching career while she raised her two children, Christopher, and David, but she maintained a busy schedule as a church organist and choir director. She greatly enjoyed her tenure at Congregational United Church of Christ of Neenah/Menasha, where she was beloved by her choir. She returned to teaching at St. Mary Catholic School. In 1991, she became the music teacher at Huntley Elementary School, Appleton, Wisconsin, where she would teach until her retirement in 2011, inspiring a generation of students to love music.

Anita stayed active in retirement, volunteering at the Central Lutheran Church Restoration Center and at Gillette Children's Hospital. She was actively involved in the lives of her grandchildren, whom she deeply loved.

She is survived by two sons, Christopher (Kari) and David (Erika), and by five grandchildren: Marit, Ingrid, Greta, Anders, and Torsten, all of whom keep her legacy alive through a love for and study of music. The family is grateful for the care she received at The Waters of Oakdale and for the support of Brighton Hospice.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.



Alice Mae Hilstad

1926 – 2024

Alice Mae Hilstad, 97, of Minneapolis, died Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at J. A. Wedum Residential Hospice.

She was born December 19, 1926, in Kenyon to Albert and Ethel (Monson) Hilstad.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Ethel Hilstad; brother, Roger Hilstad; sisters, Dorothy Hilstad, Elaine Nesseth, Kathryn Larson.



Brian Alan McKinley

1944 – 2024



Brian was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Donald and Marion McKinley on June 26, 1944. Brian graduated in the first graduating class of Brooklyn Center High School, his bachelor's from Saint Cloud State University, and his Master's in Special Education at St. Thomas. Brian met the love of his life, Kathy, in the principal's office on her first day of teaching. He taught in the Minneapolis public schools for 40 years and coached hockey. Brian served as an assisting minister at Central. He was passionate about family, friends, faith, and pheasant hunting with his dogs. He enjoyed climbing, cribbage, cooking, and conversation with a knack for storytelling. His happy spot was traveling with Kathy. He was most at peace fly fishing streams and rivers, locally and around the world. Brian entered eternal rest on February 27, 2024.

He is survived by his brother Blair McKinley; sister-in-law Karen (Truman) Hanson; nieces Amber (Adrian) Aguilar, Shelley (Scott) Gilbertson, Jennifer Zoller; nephews Ben (Bethany) McKinley, Matthew (Amanda) Hanson; fifteen great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great nieces. Brian's blue eyes, bowties and generousities of loving kindness will be missed.

Brian was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years, Kathryn Kvammen-McKinley; his parents, and great-nephew Tanner Hocum. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Lola May Thompson

1931 – 2024



Lola May Thompson, 92, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2024, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Lola May was a very thoughtful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend; she was well-loved and will be missed.

Lola May was born in 1931 to Jens and Lydia Jensen and grew up on the east shore of Lake Bde Maka Ska (formerly known as Lake Calhoun). She went to West High School and later graduated from the University of Minnesota. During her college years, she was in the University of Minnesota Marching Band, and the piano accompanist for “The Minneapolis Choraliers” for their European tours.

In 1954 she started her music teaching career in a public school in Little Falls, Minnesota where she met Wayne at the bus stop. Starting in 1957, she taught piano in her home and continued for 63 years. She had many long-term students starting with her at age 7 or 8 and continuing through high school. Many of her students won awards at state-level competitions and some performed at the prestigious Minnesota Music Teachers Association’s All Honors Concert. She was always very proud of all her students, and often kept in touch long after they were students of hers.

She was an active member of the music sorority Sigma Alpha Iota, and the first president of the Friends of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

She loved traveling with Wayne and friends to Colonial Williamsburg as well as spending summers at the lake.

Above all, she loved her family, extended family, and friends very much. She always enjoyed visiting and storytelling.

Lola May is survived by her children Mark (Kim) Thompson and Scott Thompson; and her grandchildren, Chris, Lydia, Abby, and Lauryn.

She was preceded in death by her dear husband Wayne to whom she was married 65 years. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them both.



Patricia "Patti" Mae Brestrup

1930 – 2024



Patricia Mae Brestrup, age 93, of Richfield. She was born on July 23, 1930, in Maple Bay, Minnesota and passed away on March 2, 2024.

Patti was a long-time employee of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bloomington.

She is survived by daughter, Betsi (Robb) Chevront; son, Rick (Cathy) Brestrup; granddaughters, Alison (Seth) McCoy, Stacie Lambert and Callie (Eric) Haugen; great-grandchildren, Judah, Jonah and Lydia McCoy; Hazlie and Breklie Haugen.

Patricia was preceded in death by husband, Richard "Dick" Brestrup, and all her eleven siblings. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Mildred “Millie” Charlotte Jung

1928 – 2024



Mildred (Millie) Charlotte Jung, most recently of St. Louis Park, Minnesota (Bloomington, Minnesota and Stockholm, Wisconsin) died at home on March 3, 2024, at the age of 95.

Millie was born December 14, 1928, in Lund Wisconsin. She graduated as valedictorian from Maiden Rock Wisconsin High School in 1947, and from Bethesda Hospital’s nursing program in 1950. Her nursing career and her sister’s illness led her to the Sister Kenny Institute (with a focus on Polio patients) and Fairview Hospital in the Twin Cities. Millie married Robert Jung on May 12, 1956, at Sabylund Lutheran in Lund, Wisconsin. They settled in the Twin Cities and raised their five children in Minneapolis and Bloomington. Millie and Bob were Central Lutheran Church members all their married lives. Millie served in the choir, nursery and in the Clothes Closet ministry. Along with their own growing family, the fellowship of this church family was perhaps the most significant influence on their lives. Millie will be remembered for her unfailing kindness and loving care for others. The family is grateful to her many kind caregivers over this past year.

She is survived by her children Mary (Thomas) Ehrlichmann, Susan Jarrett, David (Chris) Jung, Timothy (Jessica Tritsch) Jung and Julie (Tad) Gullickson; grandchildren Emily, Jacob, Anne, Sarah, Beth, Matthew, Soren, Peter, Stefan, Nate, Grace, Jasper, and Hugo; and great-grandchildren Isabelle, Ashley, Madison, Henry, Eloise, Hannah, Graham and Jordyn.

Millie was preceded in death by husband Robert; parents Arthur and Agnes Westley; and her sister Jeanie. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Lois Camille Wolff

1948 – 2024



Lois C. Wolff, 75, of St. Paul, Minnesota, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 3, 2024. She was born November 15, 1948, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Reverend Frederick and Dorothy (Miller) Wolff. She grew up in St. Paul and Robbinsdale, graduating from Robbinsdale Senior High. She earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education and German as well as a master's degree in German language and literature from the University of Michigan. She worked for two years in Switzerland for the Lutheran World Federation as an administrative assistant and translator before returning to Minnesota to start her lifelong career as an executive office assistant at the University of Minnesota, where she worked until her retirement in 2019. Lois loved her time in Europe and returned there on vacation many times.

Lois was an active member at church and loved to read scripture, sing in the choir, and serve at the Free Store at Central Lutheran. She was a lifelong learner, becoming fluent in Spanish in her middle age as well as learning to play the flute and piano. She sang for many years in community choirs which also fed her passion for international travel. She was an avid swimmer at the YMCA and in her later years often walked the skyways and trails near downtown St. Paul. In her spare time, she loved reading and cross-stitching. She also enjoyed playing board games, especially Scrabble, and being with her family, spending vacations and holidays with her siblings, her nieces and nephews and their children, and her friends. She will be missed terribly by all who knew and loved her.

Lois is survived by her siblings, Marie Benson of Northfield, Minnesota, Steve Wolff of Onamia, Minnesota and Kathy Grant of Spring, Texas; sister-in-law, JoAnn Wolff of Moline, Illinois; nieces and nephews Sarah Wilkinson, Mark Benson, Laura Brown, Jonathan Wolff, Mary Jo Wolff, Angela DeCook, Michael Perry, and Christal Day; as well as other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Reverend Paul Wolff; brothers-in-law, Ruben Grant and Duane Benson. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.



Patrick “Pat” Robert Sepnieski

1955 – 2024



Patrick “Pat” Sepnieski, age 68, died unexpectedly yet peacefully on March 4, 2024, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Patrick was born April 10, 1955, to Patrick and DeLoris Sepnieski in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He grew up in Two Rivers, Wisconsin and later New Holstein, Wisconsin. In 1973 he graduated from NHHS and was a proud Husky alum. He loved being with his classmates at every reunion or family event. Soon after, Pat moved to Minneapolis to attend Brown Institute where he earned a degree in broadcasting. It was there he met the McConville family who became lifelong friends. He spent several years on the air as a DJ in the metro area and Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

Starting in 1982, Pat worked at the Edina Country Club. He met Ivan Janssen and Marv Hanson, they enjoyed a few trips to Vegas and going to the track. Patrick was asked to be the godfather to Ivan and his wife Janet’s baby girl. Unbeknownst to him, the godmother was Janet’s sister Peggy. One baptism and a shared hymnal later, his fate was sealed.

After eloping to Chicago in 1986, Patrick and Peggy were married at the Cook County Courthouse with Chris and Richard Andres as witnesses. The newlyweds settled in Minnetonka with daughter Johanna and baby Alyssa on the way.

Patrick’s charismatic personality led him to a successful career in sales. Working in the copier industry, he held positions at NA Trading, Imaging Path, and Katun Corporation. Making connections was easy for Patrick, so naturally office co-workers were family to him, and customers from coast to coast became good friends. He was a hard worker and very competitive in both work and play. The weekly basketball games with guys of varying skills was a favorite activity.

Patrick and his family relocated to Olympia, Washington in 1998. They spent time exploring the beautiful terrain and loved driving to the ocean coast on the weekend. Not to miss out on any event, Pat made sure the family drove across the state to visit Johanna at Washington State University many times.

Johanna and Alyssa recall him as a kind, funny and loving father. He was a knight in shining armor, always there for his girls when they needed him. One call away and both girls knew they had someone by their side. Patrick was an excellent role model to

his sons-in-law, Michael, and Kamran. He had high expectations of them in many aspects of life, but most importantly maintained his high standards of family life.

Undoubtedly, Patrick's proudest title would be "Papa" to Nolan, Kamdin, Trevor, Azan and Rayan. Each boy was a beacon of light in his eye. The boys loved him beyond words and called him THE BEST! A trip to Lambeau Field to see the Green Bay Packers and meet Papa's friend Joe Langenfeld was a highlight.

As a recent retiree, Patrick was passionate about living life to the fullest. He and Peggy took wonderful trips to different parts of the world and had more planned. Even after traveling to such places as Italy, Africa, and India, Patrick's favorite destination was the cabin on Silver Lake in Battle Lake, Minnesota. In 2021, Pat and Peggy made it their full-time home. Pat's generous soul loved hosting events, especially if he was grilling brats and cheering for the Packers.

In the midst of all his ambitious plans at the lake, playing golf at Balmoral, and playing pickleball at the YMCA, he was a devoted husband to Peggy. He supported and encouraged her creative endeavors. From gathering art supplies, to attending shows together, he was her biggest fan and promoter. Their love and respect for one another was unconditional.

Music was in Pat's soul and if not listening to music from his vinyl collection, he would be humming and tapping along to a song in his heart.

"As long as there are memories, yesterday remains.

As long as there is hope, tomorrow awaits.

As long as there is friendship, today is beautiful" – Billy Joel

Patrick is survived by his wife Peggy A. Olson of Battle Lake; daughters Johanna (Michael) Bounds of Golden Valley, Alyssa (Kamran Siddiqui) Sepnieski of Bloomington; grandsons Nolan Bounds, Kamdin Siddiqui, Trevor Bounds, Azan Siddiqui and Rayan Siddiqui; mother DeLoris Sepnieski of New Holstein, Wisconsin; parents-in-law LeVine and Patricia Olson of Battle Lake; sister Margaret Sepnieski of Chilton Wisconsin; brothers Steve (Beth) Sepnieski of Mesa Arizona, James (Danielle) Sepnieski of Sag Harbor New York, Matthew Sepnieski of Albuquerque, New Mexico; sister-in-law Janet (Ivan) Janssen of Fergus Falls; nephew Nick (Jessica) Janssen; and godchild/niece Shana (Bryce) Wilson. He was preceded in death by infant twin brother Paul Sepnieski; his father Patrick Sepnieski; special uncle and aunt Joe and Nora Duben; and best buddies Tim Bauer and Don Zastrow.

Shadows are fallin' and I'm runnin' out of breath

Keep me in your heart for a while

If I leave you it doesn't mean I love you any less

Keep me in your heart for a while

Maybe you'll think of me and smile

~Warren Zevon



Glenda “Mercedes” Ramsey-Smith

1963 – 2024



Mercedes was a woman of deep faith and enduring passions. She loved her friends and her family. She was a proud Native American woman from the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. She loved powwows and working on her beadwork.

She was a founding member of Street Voices of Change and worked diligently in the community to make sure people got what they needed. She was a connector and an extrovert.

She adored her pets, especially Stanley, her sweet little dog. She struggled with her health these last few years and hated being in the hospital so much.

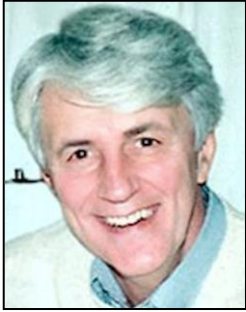
She was preceded in death by her mother, her brothers, her dear friend Joyce and her beloved son. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Robert “Bob” Eugene Erdman

1934 – 2024



Robert Eugene Erdman died two days after his 90th birthday on March 16, 2024.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother, coach, friend and mentor. He will be greatly missed by many. Born and raised in St. James, Minnesota, a four-sport star athlete in high school, he went on to play two of those sports in college at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minnesota. Basketball was his passion, and he continued with a long career as a high school guidance counselor and basketball coach, the

majority of which was at Alexander Ramsey in Roseville, Minnesota. He took a five-year sabbatical to coach the men's basketball team at Gustavus, where he founded the Gustie Basketball and Leadership Camp that still exists today. He also spent many summers as a Program Director at Camp Courage in Maple Lake, Minnesota. To list all his accomplishments would be impressive but he wouldn't appreciate that gesture. He would appreciate being remembered as a historian, poet, student of basketball, a man of many quotes, storyteller extraordinaire, roamer of the countryside, game inventor, cabin fixer-upper and the most fun "Umpa" to six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. As he liked to say, "don't be disgustingly normal", and he was certainly anything but.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life for 69 years, Judith Lund Erdman. His life will live on through his large and growing family. Daughters; Carla Anne Erdman Young (Bobby/Rod), Amy Jeanette Erdman Biewen (Paul) and Elisabeth Melin Erdman Braun (Tom Olmscheid). Grandchildren; Anna Melin Biewen Fleischman (Sam), Elise Jeannette Biewen Schmidt (Jon), Lauren Ellis Young (Dani), Benjamin Robert Biewen, Taylor Melin Young Sandeman (Colin), Kathryn Elisabeth Biewen Eickhof (Jack). Great-grandchildren; Paul Henry, Wynn Robert and soon to be new baby Fleischman (Anna/Sam), Ryder Paul, Rory David, Oliver Benjamin and soon to be new baby Schmidt (Elise/Jon), Ayo Day, and twins Obi Ellis and Idris Rose Young (Lauren/Dani), Willow Bean and Wave David (Lauren/Dani), Willow Bean and Wave David Sandeman (Taylor/Colin), and twins Everett John and Elisabeth Jean Eickhof (Kathryn/Jack). Bob has two older sisters, Marge Harms and Janet Peterson.



Randall “Randy” Wade Holm

1952 – 2024



Randall (Randy) Wade Holm, passed away on March 23, 2024, at the age of 71.

Randy was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on October 23, 1952, the third son of Clayton and Myrtle (Jo) Holm (nee Hansen) and spent his youth in Armstrong, Iowa, a rural farming community. He graduated from Armstrong High School in 1970 and from there found his way to Iowa State University, where lifelong friendships began, and he became a steadfast fan of Iowa State University

Cyclone Sports.

During high school Randy was a lifeguard, and he later owned a Hobie Cat Catamaran that he sailed on Lake Independence. As those sails became too heavy to hoist he got his fix for his love of water and sea by cruising extensively having witnessed the Midnight Sun in Norway and Cape Horn at the tip of South America.

While cruising satisfied his love of the sea, his passion for WWII History and WWII Aircraft was fueled by his brother Terry Holm, then Director of Planes of Fame in Eden Prairie which offered Randy opportunities to meet the WWII Aces in person. He immersed himself in their stories of aviation adventures and became an avid collector of aviation art.

Randy spent his career as a Master Scheduler and Planner for manufacturing companies in the Twin Cities Area including Honeywell, Alliant Techsystems and St. Jude Medical. He retired in 2018 from TSI in Shoreview, Minnesota.

Randy met Carol Rieger, his wife and partner while working at Honeywell and they made their home in Brooklyn Center and Maple Grove, Minnesota. Their love of travel, art and pottery collecting, Iowa State University Tailgating, gardening, their fur family and entertaining family and friends comprised a life of almost 40 years together.

Randy was a listener, slow to judge and careful to speak, while carrying a steadfast interest in preserving the environment, our National Parks, and a just and fair society.

The memories of his life are preserved in the hearts of family and friends as the challenges of the last nine months with a cancer diagnosis and treatment fade away.

Randy is survived by his wife Carol Rieger; brother Richard (Rick) Holm; nephew Kurt Holm and niece Stacy (Holm) Levins; sister-in-law Faye Holm; nieces Cynthia (Holm) Myers, and Jackie (Holm) Solie; sister-in-law Carol Krokkel; brother-in-law William

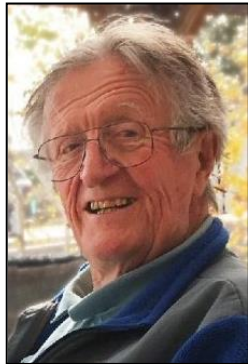
Krokkel and nephews Richard Krokkel (Nida), Kerry Krokkel, great-nephews Ricky Krokkel (Jamie) and Nick Krokkel (Lisa), and many great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Terry Lee Holm; brother-in-law Richard Krokkel; and nephew Bradley Ward Krokkel. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Kaare Olav Faber

1937 – 2024



Kaare Olav Faber, age 87, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2024, after a nine month illness that confined him to St. Therese care facility in New Hope, Minnesota.

He was a long-time resident of Minnetonka, Minnesota. He was born on January 13, 1937, in Oslo, Norway. His passion for learning led him to attend university at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio beginning in 1957. Upon graduation he moved to Minneapolis where he began his career as a Mechanical Engineer. He rose over the years to the position of Partner and director of Mechanical Engineering at Setter, Leach & Lindstrom, later, Leo A. Daly.

Kaare met the love of his life and future wife, Helen Hall, at a party hosted by a mutual friend. They were married on December 28, 1960, in Lutsen, Minnesota. Together they raised a family, spent time on his boat, enjoyed winters skiing, and traveled the world together. One of his biggest joys was spending time on the North Shore. Fulfilling a dream, he became a U.S. citizen in May 1965, and was always very proud to be an American. Kaare was always up for an evening out with his family and friends. Nobody loved a good steak house and a perfect Manhattan on the rocks with "a couple three olives" like he did.

Kaare is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen Faber; his daughter Karin Faber; son Harald Faber (Boyd Savage), and granddaughter Juliette. He also leaves behind nine cherished nieces and nephews, Inger, Asbjørn, Per, Diana, Anna, Cheryl, Hans, Sylvia, and Peter.

Kaare was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Astrid Faber of Oslo, Norway; his brothers Hans Flod, Arne Flod; wife Ebba, and sister Aase Aaheim; husband Bjørn and his nephew Jan Flod. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Richard “Dick” Bruce Whitbeck

1947 – 2024



Dick Whitbeck, born on November 21, 1947, passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 76 on May 27, 2024.

He was a devoted husband and father, a lifelong musician, and an avid outdoorsman, fisherman and hunter. Known for his compassion, honesty and integrity with an unmatched work-ethic and attention to detail,

Dick was a creative force in the Twin Cities music scene. Dick Whitbeck's versatility as a musical director was developed through vast experience as a music producer, composer, conductor, orchestrator, arranger, trumpet, and flugelhorn player. Dick's musical career includes writing music for radio and television commercials, theater, concert venues, nightclubs, and social and corporate gatherings. His music career began at the age of 14 conducting and directing the award-winning Blue Diamonds Big Band. Dick's legacy includes the role of Musical Director at the renowned Guthrie Theater, Resident Conductor and Contractor at the Carlton Celebrity Room, creator and sole director of the famous Rupert's Orchestra, and creator and director of the internationally recognized band, Synergy. He will be remembered as one of the finest musicians in the Twin Cities.

Dick is survived by wife Jackie; children Tony (Anne), Corey (Kathy), Jenna (Alex), Danielle; brother Ron; and five grandchildren.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



Frances Marian Halder

1921 – 2024



Frances Halder, 102, of Willmar, died Monday, June 3, 2024, at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar.

Frances Marian Halder was born December 13, 1921, in Lamoure, North Dakota, to Michael and Louise (TerEick) Halder. She was baptized at the Lutheran parsonage in Lamoure and confirmed on May 11, 1952, at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Frances attended school in Lamoure and Renville.

Frances lived in Minneapolis and worked at General Mills and Dayton's. She later returned to the area to be near family and most recently resided at Brookdale Senior living in Willmar. She enjoyed sewing, going on trips, being with friends, doing puzzles, playing Bingo, word finds, drawing, creative coloring, reading, and going out for dinner.

She is survived by her nephew: Dennis (JoAnn) Caskey of Priam; her niece: Diane (Dennis) Gronli of New London; and her great-nieces and great-nephews.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents; her sister: Alice (Ernie) Caskey; her brother: Charles Halder; and her fiancé, Robert Brody. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Charles “Chez” Ragnar Moline

1936 – 2024



Charles (Chez) Ragnar Moline, age 88, of Wayzata, Minnesota, died on Thursday, June 6, 2024, after a brief illness. He was a caring husband and steadfast companion of 64 years to his wife, Karla; loving father to their three sons John Moline (Maureen Mecozzi), Mark Moline (Karen Roth), and Paul Moline (Andrea Dolloff); devoted grandfather to five grandchildren, Annika Moline Lovett (Forrest), Etta Moline, Jason Moline, Tavo Moline, and Anders Moline; and a thoughtful leader and guide to the hundreds of parishioners he served as a pastor at Lutheran churches across the country and around the world.

Born on February 9, 1936, during a record cold winter in Gary, Indiana, Chez was welcomed into the warmth of family by Reverend Ragnar and Heloise Olson Moline and older brother Robert. Younger brother Norman joined them later, creating a loving family circle that weathered all challenges and climates ahead. Those inescapable Midwest winters followed the family as they moved first to Chicago and later to Rockford, Illinois, shaping Chez's curiosity about nature and the relationship of people to the landscape.

Growing up in the nation's railway crossroads, Chez was fascinated by trains -- a passion that remained with him throughout his life.

An interest in people, places, and transportation prompted him to study geography at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where he received a bachelor's degree in the discipline in 1957. His knowledge of cartography informed his service as an aviation intelligence officer in the United States Navy and the U.S. Navy Reserves, which included postings in Newport, Rhode Island; Jacksonville, Florida; Washington D.C.; Iwakumi, Japan; and San Diego, California.

Chez met his life partner, Karla Ann Olander, at Augustana College in 1956. Both shared a profound love of music and sang in the Augustana Choir. Chez and Karla married on August 17, 1960, in Worcester, Massachusetts. Sons John (born in 1961 in San Diego, California); Mark (born in 1964 in Seattle, Washington); and Paul (born in 1967 in San Francisco, California) completed their family.

Chez's map of the world encompassed more than oceans and continents. The spiritual world called him as well, and he responded by pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Rock Island Campus. He was ordained on June 9, 1965, in Rock Island, Illinois.

A self-described "reserved and rather quiet person," Chez discovered his strength as a calm, steady, and reliable presence for the people he served. He guided parishioners and built thriving spiritual communities at Temple Lutheran Church in San Francisco, California; Church

of the Redeemer in Jerusalem; and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in North Easton, Massachusetts.

Through his ministry, Chez encouraged parishioners to deeply examine their beliefs and develop a greater awareness of the world beyond their doorsteps as a step toward addressing poverty, conflict, and social injustice. He took great satisfaction in introducing his congregations to summer Global Mission events hosted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in which people from around the world gathered to learn from each other and worship together. A sabbatical in Central America brought his ideas about global imbalances into sharper relief.

In Chez's own words: "The Church is the people/community that keeps reminding me what human life is intended to look like and be lived. Aside from the fact that I am part of the Church through baptism, whether I act on that or not, I am part of the Church and take part in worship to keep me grounded and nourished in the mystery, wonder, and gift of life and living."

At Holy Trinity Lutheran in 1982, he was instrumental in the installation of a magnificent instrument: the historic 1859 E. & G.G. Hook Pipe Organ (Opus 254). He redesigned the interior of the church and brought in new stained glass to create a warm, inclusive space for worship.

Always a curious geographer at heart, Chez loved the stimulation, challenge, and joy travel brought to his life. He delighted in exploring the myriad layers of religious belief supporting the old stones of Jerusalem. Whether navigating the tropical Amazon rainforest in Brazil, walking the frigid snows of Svalbard, or crossing through China on trains, Chez appreciated exposure to the full spectrum of human experience.

In the U.S. he especially enjoyed extended visits to the Pacific Ocean near Morro Bay, California and to Holden Village in the North Cascade Mountains of Washington.

Wherever they lived, Chez and Karla created a welcoming, warm home open to family, friends, and their community. In his travels, Chez had gathered a collection of Last Supper pictures as a reminder that the sharing of a meal (and coffee!) with others is an activity shared globally. And by gardening in every locale, even if only by tending a few potted plants, Chez kept himself grounded in nature.

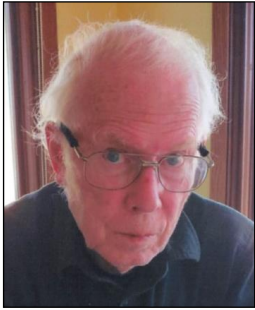
After retiring from the ministry, Chez and Karla spent three-plus years teaching high school students at the Evanjelické Lyceum V Bratislave in Bratislava, Slovakia. From their base in central Europe, they ventured to numerous spots across the continent, with Vienna, Austria a special favorite for its excellent coffee, delicious pastries and outstanding music.

Unable to leave those Midwestern winters behind for long, they then settled near family in Minnesota. In 2015, Chez and Karla took up residence at Folkestone Senior Living in Wayzata. They joined the congregation of Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and were active participants in the work of the church's Restoration Center. Together they enjoyed walks along Lake Minnetonka, performances at the Minnesota Symphony, and frequent visits from children, grandchildren, and hummingbirds at their window feeder. Chez's great affection for nature continued during his years as a volunteer at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, where he planted trees, pulled weeds, sorted seeds, and reveled in the abundance of life.



Michael Anthony Christian

1945 – 2024



Michael Anthony Christian passed away peacefully on Friday, June 14, 2024, after a brief illness at the age of 79.

Michael was born to Virginia and Neil Christian in Northfield, Minnesota, on April 10, 1945. He was the oldest of six children and known affectionately as “Mac.” He graduated from Murray High School in St. Paul and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Physics from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, in 1967. He married Karen Schmeling in 1969 and together they raised three children in Minneapolis and Edina. Michael and Karen divorced in 1997. He married Shirley Bebensee in 2004 and they enjoyed bike riding, restoring a house at the junction of Big Sandy River and the Mississippi, and spending time with family. They moved to Shoreview Senior Living in 2021, where Michael enjoyed puzzles and cookies in the community room.

Michael worked for many years at Arion Corporation as a design engineer. He had an abounding curiosity for anything related to technology and was an early adopter; in 1976, he built a computer in his basement. He was a brilliant and innovative engineer who supported major advances in automated video presentation and pacemakers. While working for Veritec Inc., he designed 2D barcode readers and was awarded two patents. In addition, he was an avid photographer. He began his photography career working for his college newspaper, *The Manitou Messenger*, and later started a company with Shirley doing videography and photography for weddings and other life events. He was an active volunteer, supporting Camp Amnicon in Superior, Wisconsin, through Central Lutheran Church.

Michael was kind and “had a heart of gold.” He rarely raised his voice in anger. He treated all people he encountered with respect and he relished connecting with others in the everyday moments of life. He loved solving puzzles and problems.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Bebensee. He is also survived by his siblings, Tim (Lori), Morgan, Roxann, and Tague. His children, Kim Johnson (Michael), Apex, North Carolina; Stephanie Madsen (Joseph), Westminster, Maryland; David Christian, New York, New York; Pamela Payne (Tom), Dayton, Minnesota; and Paula Graff (Curtis), Amery, Wisconsin, remember him fondly. He is also survived by his six grandchildren and Shirley’s eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents, Neil and Virginia, and his brother, Richard. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Angelo Wells

1964 – 2024



Angelo Wells was born on February 9, 1964, and died on June 15, 2024.

Angelo was a man of joy! Either you saw his infectious smile or heard him singing a Motown classic or humming a Black gospel song of praise. Music flowed through Angelo.

He was immensely proud of his children and would freely share about their accomplishments. Through the ups and downs of life, Angelo always kept up hope and showed love and kindness.

He's not just a member of the heavenly choir - he's singing a solo on center stage! Angelo will always be remembered as a beloved Child of God.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.





Viola “Vi” Ann Christiansen

1939 – 2024



Viola "Vi" Ann Christiansen, age 84 of Edina passed away June 28, 2024, at N. C. Little Hospice, Edina.

She was born in Superior, Nebraska, the daughter of Earl and Christina (Hansen) Christiansen and grew up in Osage, Iowa graduating from high school in 1958. She attended Luther College for one year, sang in their choir and traveled throughout the United States. Vi worked at the Richfield Medical Group for 50 years. She was an active member of Central Lutheran Church and sang in their choir. She traveled with the choir to Israel, Austria and England. She was a member of Vida de Christo and Koinonians for many years. Vi was well-known for her compassion for others and her caring spirit.

She is survived by nephew, Brian (Bonnie) Christiansen; nieces, Brenda (Larry) Vore, Carrie (Glen) Barker; nephew, Corey (Kathy) Christiansen; eleven grandnieces, grandnephews and eight great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews

Vi was preceded in death by her parents; brother and sister-in-law; Clifford and Marlys Christiansen, and nephew Brent Christiansen. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Freddie Solum

2019 – 2024



Freddie Solum died peacefully on July 8, 2024, after an eight-month battle with cancer, a battle no child should have to fight but one he fought with courage and grace throughout.

Freddie was born January 3, 2019, in Minneapolis to Mike and Lauren Solum and from an early age displayed a quiet kindness and calm disposition well beyond his years. His early days were filled with love for his dog (Murphy), starting his collection of stuffed ducks, learning bravery at local parks, beginning lasting friendships at The Gardner School, and accompanying his parents on adventures across the country. He would also develop a remarkable ability to make those around him laugh - with his limited vocabulary and his funny expressions, alike. He made the world a better place.

In April 2021, Hattie - the love of Freddie's life and forever best friend - joined the world and his existence was made whole. The two quickly developed an undeniable bond only siblings can experience, and Freddie made protecting his little sister an instinctual life mission. He would teach Hattie about dogs, friendship, sports, toys, music and cartoons. They shared mutual enjoyment dancing to Whitney Houston and Taylor Swift; and watching Bluey, Peppa Pig, princesses and superheroes - Freddie's favorites rotating between Spider Man, Iron Man and Leonardo the ninja turtle. Their connection is now forever established through an invisible string and a walkie talkie.



His life will always feel too brief, but those closest to him remain comforted by the quality of his years far outweighing the quantity. And while his last several months were filled with constant challenges and persistent battles, his resolve and humility will forever be a playbook for overcoming adversity.

Freddie remains incredibly loved on planet Earth by his two ultra proud parents, Mike and Lauren; his best friend and sister Hattie; his grandpa and grandma Brian and Tracy (Westhoff); his papa and nana Rick and Nancy (Solum); his uncles Peter (Starenko), Tom (Solum) and Jack (Westhoff); his aunts Stef (Solum), Steph (Alfonso) and Rachel (Timmerman); his great-grandma Shirley (Sandin); his extended family; his doctors and nurses at Children's Minnesota and Children's Colorado; and his many friends of all ages.

We will love and miss you always, Freddie boy.





Joel Martin Oyen

1976 – 2024



Joel grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota, in a neighborhood full of sights and sounds of childhood play—big wheels, swing sets, and inflatable backyard pools in the summer; hockey skates, snow forts and red plastic sleds in the winter. He attended elementary school at Webster Magnet and enjoyed team sports at the Linwood Recreation Center.

Joel went on to Highland Park for his junior and senior high school years. At Highland he played football for the “Scots” and excelled in mathematics. After high school he pursued coursework in the School of Engineering at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

As an adult, Joel found success in various service industry jobs including hotel hospitality and room service, pizza preparation and delivery, InstaCart shopping and delivery, and food service at senior living facilities (mainly serving meals to the residents). He appreciated the camaraderie of the face-to-face interaction with other workers and the people he served. He liked telling jokes, doing imitations and making people laugh and groan.

Throughout his life, Joel greatly valued spending time with family members—fishing in Ontario, hunting pheasants in western Minnesota, gathering for family reunions at Green Lake, and cheering for the Vikings as he watched the games on TV with his father. His presence around our family’s Thanksgiving and Christmas tables will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his mother, Ann; his brother; Matthew (Jennifer); nephew, Carter; niece, Mara; aunt Marilyn (Michael) Carlson; aunt, Charlotte (Ronald) Souter and five loving, caring cousins.

Joel was preceded in death by his father, Martin Carr Oyen. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them both.



David Alan Schindeldecker

1952 – 2024



David Alan Schindeldecker was born on October 23, 1952, to Willard and Mildred Schindeldecker. In 1955 they moved to South St. Paul where David grew up and graduated from the South St. Paul High School in 1971.

David's first job as a teen was at Applebaum's Grocery Store in West St. Paul. He continued to work within the grocery store industry in produce management throughout his career and retired from Lunds & Byerlys in 2015.

After retirement, David volunteered at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis and served at his church on the food preparation team for the Monday meal served to the unsheltered community. He also served as co-chair of the Funeral Reception Team at Central Lutheran Church.

David was a proud member of the queer community and in recent years made a tradition of celebrating pride with his niece, Lydia. He enjoyed spending time in nature, reading historical non-fiction, traveling, cooking, gardening, visiting galleries, collecting artwork, attending theater, and square dancing. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and his many friends. He actively participated in the lives of his two nieces and was responsible for their appreciation of art and theater.

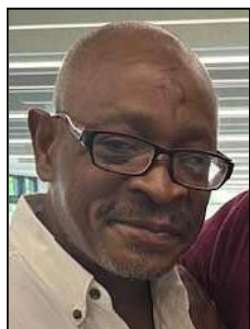
He is survived by his father, Willard Schindeldecker; his sister, Cindy (Carl) Hoelzhammer; and his nieces, Lydia (Eric) Kalpin, and Abigail (Jared) Olson.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them both.



Daniel T. Clark

1966 – 2024



Daniel T. Clark was born in Chicago on November 14, 1966, the “baby boy” of the family, youngest of thirteen children. Raised in Chicago in his early life when he moved to Minneapolis, he was kind of picked on by other Chicagoans living here because he didn’t act like a Chicagoan.

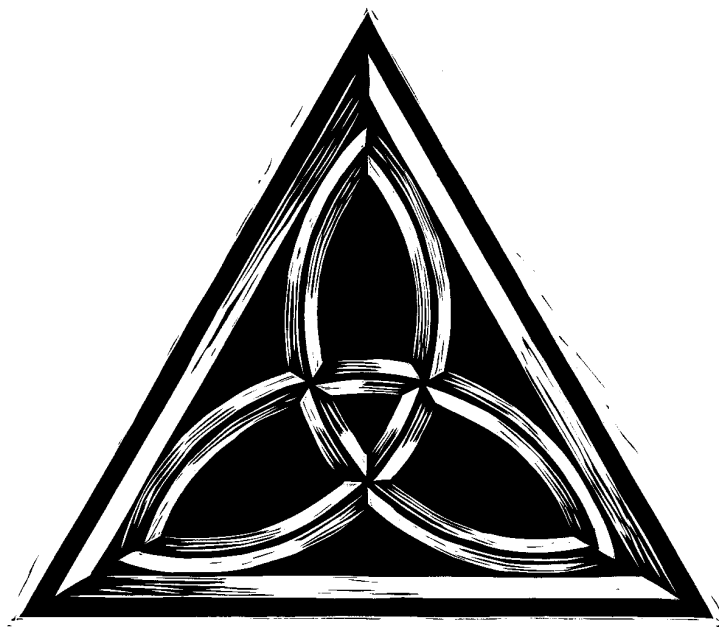
He liked to make others feel good and being there for others. Daniel liked giving others a sense of hope. You could always confide in him. He was a joker and enjoyed cracking jokes.

Daniel grew up in the church and was involved throughout his life, helping to teach Sunday School children and playing multiple instruments.

He loved his children and was faithful, supportive and stuck by them no matter what.

He is survived by his siblings, four children, six grandchildren and stepchildren.

Daniel was preceded in death by sister Sheila, and daughter Danielle. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.





Kenley Bruce Boyum

1923 – 2024



Kenley Bruce Boyum was born on April 9, 1923, in rural Utica, Minnesota. He was the oldest child born to Andrew and Ida Boyum. Kenley was baptized on May 15, 1923, at Arendahl Lutheran Church. Kenley's first language was Norwegian. He was always proud of his Norwegian heritage and valued it through his life.

Kenley grew up on the family farm. At a young age he began doing simple chores that would lay the foundation for his strong work ethic in life. As Kenley grew, so did the Boyum family. He was blessed with three siblings, Goodwin, Andrew and Imogene.

Kenley attended a one room country schoolhouse from first grade to eighth grade. He went through confirmation instruction at Arendahl Lutheran and was confirmed on October 31, 1937. Then it was onto Lanesboro High School, where he graduated in 1941. In the late 1940's, during the winter session, Kenley attended classes at the University of Minnesota School of Agriculture where he received an associate degree.

Kenley worked and helped on the family farm until 1951. He then moved to the Twin Cities where he worked for Minneapolis Moline/White Farm Equipment for thirty-six years before he retired.

Kenley met his future wife, Louise Holm, at a Twin Cities Lutheran young adult group. They married on September 16, 1961, in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota. It wasn't long before the pitter-patter of little feet were heard with the births of Melanie (1962) and twins, Koren and Kevin (1965). Life was busy with marriage, a young family, work and home ownership.

Kenley retired in 1988. During their retirement, Louise and Kenley went on many good trips. They also saw their family grow with the marriages of Melanie to Jim, Koren to John and Kevin to Mary. Once again, the pitter-patter of little feet enriched their lives with the births of their ten grandchildren, John, Amanda, Mark, Linnea, Julia, Jacob, Jessica, Molly, Treva and Andrew.

Louise began to have chronic health concerns in the mid-2000's. Kenley was her caretaker and was by her side until she passed away on April 14, 2008.

Kenley continued to thrive into his 80's and 90's. His mind was always sharp, but his physical body felt the years of a centurion.

Kenley had a blessed life. As with everyone, he had his challenges and disappointments, but his strong faith, love of family and country carried him to the finish line.

We will miss him!

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14: 27



Bruce Edward Ellingson

1952 – 2024



Bruce Ellingson was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota on December 28, 1952. He died at the age of 71 on September 15, 2024, due to glioblastoma brain cancer.

Bruce grew up in Elbow Lake, Minnesota and graduated from Elbow Lake High School in 1971. He enjoyed playing basketball and track, as well as playing cornet in the band. He appreciated his high school classmates, which numbered in the low 60s.

His first job was his favorite -- working on the Westrom farms of Norman and his son Myron. Employment started in his early teens. He hauled manure, baled hay, hauled grain, cultivated corn and soybeans, and more. But his favorite farm activity was plowing. He just loved plowing.

Bruce attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and graduated in May 1975 with a major in accounting and a minor in mathematics. He worked for Adrian Helgeson & Co. in public accounting for four years and lucked out passing the CPA exam. He spent the rest of his working days with construction-related companies. His favorite years were with Donlar Construction and Roysl Masonry Company. The owners of Donlar and Roysl were wonderful people. They had high integrity and were generous in their care of employees.

In 1976, he met the love of his life in Joyce Elliott from Sarona, Wisconsin. They were married in September 1977 and honeymooned on Cape Cod in Massachusetts. They had two wonderful children. Kjersten was born in June 1980, and Kevin was born in October 1983. Centerpieces of those years were the summer family camping trips – always to the North Shore, but also including repeat trips to the Badlands, Black Hills, Yellowstone and the Tetons. Bruce and Joyce's world opened as the kids grew, their travel opportunities expanding with Kjersten and Kevin's life pursuits. New places became favorite places.

He loved being a member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church of Plymouth for about twenty years, serving as treasurer for the church several times. When he and Joyce moved very close to downtown Minneapolis in 2002, they became members of Central Lutheran Church of Minneapolis. They loved Central. He was involved in ushering, several different committees, and other activities, which led to many cherished friendships.

But life became very difficult on December 1, 2019, when daughter Kjersten and grandsons William and Nelson were shot and killed. Ten months later Joyce died from cancer, which she had been battling since 2016. Life had been a big challenge since then. Survival after these losses came from dozens of stays on the North Shore past Grand Marais. Hiking in the woods and walking the Lake Superior shoreline kept him alive, and it is now where his soul returns.

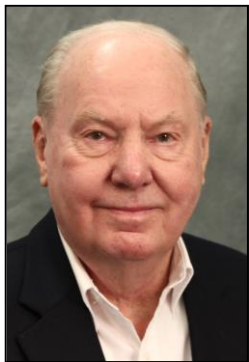
Bruce is survived by his son Kevin Ellingson (Molly) and granddaughter Maz; sister Karen Ellingson; nephew Jesse Diaz; brothers-in-law Roger Elliott (Ellen), Robert Elliott (Wendy); nephews Mark Elliott (Ann), Aaron Elliott (Danica); and niece Lisa Miller (Chris).

Bruce is preceded in death by wife Joyce; daughter Kjersten; grandsons William and Nelson; niece Iliana Diaz; parents Shirley and Sidney Ellingson, and in-laws Inez and Stanley Elliott. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



Harold DeLoie Herum

1928 – 2024



Harold Herum was an incredible son, brother, father, grandfather, friend, and more throughout his 96 years of life.

He was married to the love of his life Margaret for 56 years, with whom he raised two children, Marybeth and Jonathan. He loved being a “Boppa” to his three granddaughters, Rachel, Sarah, and Bethany. After serving his country in the Korean War, he was a hard-working salesman until he retired. A few things he enjoyed were biking, traveling, music, church, crossword puzzles, and games; but Harold cherished his family the most. Harold was a loving, strong, witty, humble, smart, and kind man, who had a special way of touching the lives of everyone he met.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

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