



## Mr. Andrews Allen, II

March 24, 1923 - January 3, 2019

Andrews "Andy" Allen, age 95, passed away on January 3, 2019. Preceded in death by his brothers Francis and Henry and by Marjorie his beloved wife of 57 years. He is survived by sister Katharine children Chip (Barbara), Genie, John (Nell), Phil (Suzy) by grandchildren Ben (Elise), Chris (Sarah Vasquez), Lindsay (Ricki Johns), Amanda, Drew, Rodrigo, Maggie, Nick, Emerson; and by great-grandchildren Chloe, Oscar, Elizabeth, Lola and Vinnie. Andy was born in Chicago, IL and grew up in Glencoe. He earned 10 varsity letters and graduated from New York Military Academy in 1940 then attended Syracuse University. At 20, he became a commissioned officer in the US Army and in August, 1944 landed in France as a First Lieutenant in the 7th Armored Division of Patton's Third Army. He was promoted to Captain and led a Company of the 48th Armored Infantry in their drive across Europe. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. For the actions of his Company he was given the French Croix de Guerre and the Silver Star at Verdun. Pinned on him personally by General Patton.

Following WWII, he earned a degree in journalism at the University of WI while rowing for the Badger's 1946 national championship eight-man crew. He met Marjorie in Madison on a blind date. The two were married and moved to St. Paul for Andy's first job at 3M. Through neighborhood connections, club memberships and service groups, they built a vast circle of life-long friends with whom they would golf, ski, square dance, play cards, travel and create memories. Andy's irreverent humor and gregarious style paired well with Marge's selfless nurturing. He branched out into real estate development in the 1960s. His buildings in MN included Kellogg Square and the White Bear Country Inn, he built other projects in MI, the Dakotas and CO.

Andy enjoyed family life, leading his children and friends on ski and golf vacations from Duluth to Scotland. Their treasured second home in LaQuinta, CA brought new friendships and became a haven for friends, family and spring breakers. "GroPa" would act as patriarch and regale grandchildren with stories and enjoy their laughter. But be aware, if he buttonholed you in private conversation, you had better be prepared to update him on your current life plan. Golf was Andy's passion, he once played to a scratch

handicap, won club championships and shot a record 29 on the back nine at North Oaks. He loved “hunting God’s creatures” unfortunately, his shooting prowess did not match his other athletic gifts. For him the experience was about being with his fellow hunters, not about the hunt.

Andy served as the Mayor of Dellwood, MN, President of North Oaks and LaQuinta Country Clubs, MN Golf Association and the Bob Hope Desert Classic. He participated in Rotary, Gyro, St. Paul Winter Carnival, Toastmasters, the Republican Party and Bible study.

In later years his joy for life was renewed through his friendship with Harriet Norgren. They attended social events, played competitive rounds of golf and gin rummy. She would patiently endure watching Andy’s cherished Badgers on television. Our deepest and heart felt thank you to his care teams in Amery, St Therese, Life Spark, and HealthEast.

Services will be held on January 25, 11:00 a.m., at St John in the Wilderness, White Bear Lake, MN. A visitation will follow. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Boys and Girls of the Twin Cities and Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley, or to First Tee of the Twin Cities.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Memorial Service**                      11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. John in the Wilderness

2175 1st Street, White Bear Lake, MN, US, 55110-3462

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