



Blake Parson Malberg

June 10, 1942 - April 30, 2020

Malberg, Blake P. of Edina, Minnesota, Born June 10, 1942. On the evening of April 30th, 2020 Jesus answered prayers of many pleading for an end to Blake's suffering stemming from COPD and pneumonia. He was lifted into the arms of his lord and savior and taken to a place of perfect peace and joy.

Survived by his wife, Mary; brother, Bruce; daughter, Kathy; grandson, Colton; granddaughter, Brogan; many nieces and nephews and a multitude of caring friends.

Blake met Mary on a blind date. It was a bumpy start but he continued his pursuit. Mary finally relented and on July 2, 1970 they ran off to Watertown, South Dakota to begin a marriage that lasted fifty years.

He was employed at Jerry's Foods in Edina, Minnesota as head of risk management where he earned the respect of all who worked with him, and he cemented relationships in that capacity that lasted far beyond his retirement.

Blake had a magnetic personality; people were drawn to his kind, caring and understanding nature, and he was spontaneous in becoming a lasting friend to every new acquaintance.

His passion was gardening; he took great pride in his manicured lawn and bountiful blooms. It was a hobby that served him well resulting in compliments from his neighbors or anyone who just happened to catch him in the yard.

At age 28, Blake sought God's help to overcome his addiction to alcohol. He never missed an AA meeting and at his passing he was over 51 years sober.

Throughout his many hospitalizations, his nurses - and there were scores of them - called him their "Perfect patient" because he never complained and made it a point to address them by name every time they entered his room.

The world was a better place when Blake was among us. He will be deeply mourned and missed as precious memories slowly begin to mend many broken hearts. A private family interment will take place at Lakewood Cemetery and notice of a memorial service celebrating Blake's extraordinary life will be published in the hopefully not too distant future.

In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted in Blake's name as follows: American Lung Association or Fairview Southdale Hospital Foundation C/O Tina Palmer.