



Paul R. McConnell

December 26, 2017

McConnell, Paul R. Age 82, of St. Louis Park, died on December 26, 2017.

Preceded in death by parents, stepfather and two brothers. Survived by wife Dorothy, sons Byron (Lisa) and David (Chrys); and grandchildren Ian (Rachel) and Brynn; Duncan and Meaghan.

Paul was a wonderful and wonderfully enigmatic man; both humbly reticent and deeply passionate. He was an urbane farmer boy from pre-suburban Eden Prairie who had an appetite for jazz music, spending time in the outdoors, using playful and interesting words, and amusing people with subtle, clever humor. He graduated from Eden Prairie High School in 1953 in a class of 13, and went on to study at the University of Minnesota, served in the Army, and was then introduced to his beloved wife Dorothy by mutual friends at a U of M homecoming party in 1959.

He was exceptionally proud of his sons Byron and Dave, and was a very present supporter to his daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Listening to well-played music delighted Paul, sometimes to tears — especially when his kids were the performers! After retiring from his career as a computer programmer and software developer at Honeywell, Paul continued to give his time by volunteering for organizations aligned with his values: Westwood Lutheran Church, the Bookstore at Hennepin County Library, and Special Olympics Minnesota.

Paul's memorial service will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 11 a.m. at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park, MN. Visitation one hour before the service. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Foundation or donor's favorite charity.

Comments



“ Byron,
Ron and I remember your father well from the few times we saw him. You seem to have many of his gentle qualities. We just saw Mark and reminisced about the four years you roomed together at St Olaf. May God bless you and your family as you mourn.
The Kausches

Mary Kausch - January 02, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Across many years I dearly loved Paul's heartfelt love of music and his curiosity about music making. It was always a great joy interacting with him after a concert. Thank you Paul, most sincerely.

Mark Kausch - January 02, 2018 at 12:43 PM