



Richard John Ruppert

November 19, 1941 - February 8, 2021

Richard "RJ" Ruppert

age 79 of Bloomington, passed away February 8, 2021 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital after a long illness. RJ was born on November 19, 1941 in Currie, Minnesota; the son of Joseph and Anna Agnes (Kline) Ruppert. He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Parochial School in Currie, Minnesota where he graduated in the class of '59. Following this, he enlisted in the armed forces where he proudly served in the United States Army National Guard as a Staff Sergeant. RJ moved to Minneapolis in 1962, where he worked for MnDOT and as a door-to-door salesman while taking real estate courses. On November 16, 1963 he was married to Ruth LaVonne Goltz; together they had three children. In his early 20s, RJ started his own appraisal firm, and continued to work as a successful independent real estate appraiser and investor for the remainder of his life. In his spare time, RJ enjoyed tending his rose gardens, spending time in Florida, and collecting antiques, especially clocks.

Richard is survived by his children Scott (Kim) Ruppert, Stephanie (Mark) Steiner, and Jennifer (Lloyd) Komatsu; grandchildren Jake and Nicole Ruppert, Priyanka and Devendra Steiner, Sunshine, Maisy, Milo, Penelope and Suzannah Komatsu; his siblings Sister Kenric, Theresa (Richard) Illg, and Paul Ruppert; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; siblings Gerald Ruppert, Alice McCormick, Mary Ann Ruppert, and Kenneth Ruppert.

A private Mass of Christian Burial for his children and grandchildren will be held at Washburn-McReavy Chapel on February 19th at 1:30 pm, with interment at Dawn Valley Cemetery. Please see his obituary on the Washburn-McReavy website for live stream and recording, click on photo/video or media tab to view. There will be no visitation due to COVID-19.

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Dawn Valley Chapel 942-941-7686

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Washburn-McReavy - February 15 at 11:32 AM



“ Beautiful service!

Theresa - February 23 at 03:41 PM



“ Having moved away from the area many years ago I did not get to see Uncle Richard to many times in the past 35 years. The absolutely worst thing about moving away from the area was not being able to visit with the extended family. When I would visit my dad he would often mention Uncle Richard and I know he was a great brother and friend to him. Unfortunately I missed when the two of them went sky diving, but did get to see the video. Also missed them zooming around town on their mopeds, which I do not regret. Thought for sure those things would have done them in or at least put them in the Hospital. I know how my dad is with anything that had a motor, and I am sure there was some brotherly competition (racing) going on. My condolences to my cousins who I did get to see about a year and a half ago when my siblings and I went through the same thing. I wish I could be there to honor all he did for my parents and know he is up there with my Dad now talking about the good old days.
My deepest sympathies.

John Ruppert and Family

John Ruppert - February 19 at 02:56 PM



“ I only knew RJ for 10years or so... He often spoke of his family and how proud he was of them. He was very thoughtful, enjoyed talking about ongoing politics and always wanted an update on my adult children. We shared stories of growing up in rural areas and how it helped shape the individuals that we became. I really enjoyed my business relationship with RJ and being able to work with him. I miss him... And sincere condolences to his family.

Tim Kenyon

Tim Kenyon - February 19 at 12:34 PM



“ RJ was a good friend, we shared many a laugh and story. We will miss his insights and humor. He loved a good party entertaining family and friends. Rest in Peace, RJ, you certainly earned it.

Nancy DeShane - February 19 at 09:43 AM



“ RJ was a huge fan of Elvis's. He won a 1st place trophy dancing to Elvis with niece Jesse while attending the wedding dance of niece Elizabeth! Those legs could really move!

kjRuppert - February 18 at 08:19 PM