



Stewart Frederic Kvalheim

January 12, 1924 - February 20, 2021

Stewart Frederick Kvalheim died on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 in the loving presence of his wife of 73 years, Joyce. We rejoice that he now resides in the presence of his loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Stewart was born January 12, 1924 to doting parents Andrew and Bertha (Ahrens) Kvalheim. Along with his beloved sister Marilyn, he grew up in Northeast Minneapolis. St. John's Lutheran Church was an important anchor of his youth, having been baptized, confirmed and married in that church. After graduating from Edison High School in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific 1942-1946. Like many returning veterans, he attended college (Hamline University and the University of Minnesota), receiving a degree in business administration. A few years later Stewart graduated summa cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law. He was in private practice for several years, in which he served as city attorney for Columbia Heights. Stewart then joined Prudential Insurance as counsel in their real estate investment division for the remainder of his career.

Stewart married Joyce Kersten on September 11, 1948 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. They welcomed children Mark, Mary, and Beth over the next decade. Our hearts are filled with memories of snow skiing, golfing, summers at the cabin, religious holiday celebrations, and lots of laughter and love. Having resided in several areas (Chicago, IL; Columbia Heights, MN; Sacramento, CA; Circle Pines, MN) Stewart (and Joyce) developed and cherished many close relationships with friends, neighbors, co-workers, church, and family members, but the relationship Stewart cherished the most was with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, and son Mark. He is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter Mary (Carl) Saarion, daughter Beth Wilms; grandchildren Andrew (Lauren) Kvalheim, Bethany (Tony) Vanyo, Ben (Kim) Saarion, Peter Wilms, Sara Wilms, Jonathan (Jordan) Wilms; 5 great-grandchildren; many beloved nieces and nephews; and dear members of Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN with visitation at 10:00 am and the service at 11:00 am. Please adhere to Covid guidelines in the church--wearing masks and social distancing. For those who would like to attend, but are concerned about Covid, the service will be broadcast to car radios in the parking lot.

Cemetery

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE

Minneapolis, MN, 55418

Events

MAR 13 **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Sprit of Christ Lutheran Church

2749 Bunker Lake Blvd, Ham Lake, MN, US

MAR 13 **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Thank you to all the family who contributed to such a God honoring obituary! Every word is precious! Stu's desires have been met; Jesus was lifted high.

Linda Skulte Erickson - March 13 at 12:42 PM



“ The news of Stu's passing came just when our Pastor was doing a sermon series on the life of Abraham, and we were just at the account of Abraham's death. God comforted me with the wonderful verse at Genesis 25:8. It reads:
Then Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.
That so described my friend Stu! My memories are of a man who loved many of us, who spoke with deliberate wise and kind counsel, who was a true disciple of Jesus Christ. He brought glory to Jesus by being a disciple-maker, obeying the Great Commission.
My prayer is that his mantle will fall on all his children after him. He leaves a great legacy.

Linda Skulte Erickson - March 13 at 10:22 AM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Stewart Frederic Kvalheim.



March 11 at 03:10 PM