



Alden Walter Lange

April 23, 1940 - June 3, 2025

Alden 'Al' Walter Lange, age 85 years old, of Edina, MN was suddenly called home to be with his Lord and Savior on the morning of June 3, 2025. Al was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, beloved husband, loving father, and cherished "Pa." Al has been a supportive and caring brother, a loyal and trustworthy friend, and a servant of the Lord. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of nearly 57 years, daughters Diana Lange and Suzanne (Steven) Shane, grandchildren Charlie and Grace Shane, sister Nancy Lange, sister-in-law Linda Reineck, brother-in-law Dennis Reineck, many nieces, nephews and other family members as well as life-long friends. He is preceded in death by his father Warner C. Lange, mother Cora B. Lange, sister Anita Beckman, and brother-in-law David Skogerboe.

Al was born on April 23, 1940, in Watertown, MN. He graduated from Mound High School, class of 1958, after which he attended the University of Minnesota. There, he played in the marching band, accompanying the football team to the Rose Bowl, and studied agronomy. He went on to complete his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and Psychology from St. Cloud State University. Al was blessed with a natural gift of teaching and taught social studies, political science and psychology courses at Eden Prairie High School for several years before he pursued his dream and passion for aviation. Al was a commercial-rated pilot with helicopter and seaplane ratings.

He was the General Manager and Vice President of Elliot Beechcraft for 14 years after which he went on to lead several other fixed base operations in general aviation including Beechcraft's flagship operation in Wichita, KS as well as Mankato Aviation. Al loved all areas of aviation and created a new division for Greentree Financial, serving as Vice President for aircraft finance there; he continued his work in this sector until retirement. Al loved serving the aviation community through his leadership and involvement in professional organizations including the National Air Transportation Association, the Minnesota Aviation Trades Association, Minnesota Business Aviation Association, and Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots. Additionally, Al was instrumental in numerous aviation developments in Minnesota.

Throughout all his life, Al's faith in his Lord was steadfast and unwavering. He was an involved member of his church and served in various roles as well as lead adult Bible Studies. Al loved to study and teach God's word. He delighted in all of God's creations and enjoyed spending time in nature.

Al was devoted to his family and his friends. He was kind, thoughtful, humble and wise. He touched the lives profoundly of all who were blessed to know him. Job well done, thy good and faithful servant...we know that you are flying high, with your wings soaring in Heaven.

A memorial service will be held at Cross View Lutheran Church in Edina, MN on Friday June 13, 2025, at 11AM with visitation preceding at 10AM and luncheon to follow the service. Private Interment will be held.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to all of Douglas County, MN first responders.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Cross View Lutheran Church or to a charity of your choice in honor of Al.

For those unable to attend the service. It will be live streamed at:

www.crossview.net/sermons/

Scroll Down to where it says: "Live Stream of Events" click on "click here" or "live stream"

**If the service is already started, you will see it. If there are pre-service slides or a pre-service media presentation, it will play until the service starts.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Cross View Lutheran Church
6645 McCauley Trail W
Edina, MN 55439

Memorial Service

JUN 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DN

“ I too was hired at Elliott Aviation by Al 40 years ago. I showed up for the interview in a oil stained work shirt from my job working on DC-3's that morning and it was more like talking with a friend. He hired me and I always found Al to be patient, gracious and respectful of every employee. A real first class person. Im really glad I got to see him recently at a anniversary party

David Nelson - June 13, 2025 at 10:28 AM

DF

“ Al hired me at Elliott Aviation 40 years ago and was able to attend my 40th anniversary party. Lot's of good memories! God speed-
David Fisher

David A. Fisher - June 13, 2025 at 10:01 AM

LF

“ Love, the Schiumo and Bontu Families purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Alden Walter Lange.



Love, the Schiumo and Bontu Families - June 07, 2025 at 02:00 PM

DP

“ Al was our lake neighbor who became a great friend and grandpa Al to our son. I will always remember Al as the no matter the weather, khaki pants and button down shirt friend. Al was kind, loved God, his family and his friends. Caribou will miss a steady very early morning customer who was a tea drinker.

Al, we miss you and know you are with God in his heavenly kingdom

*Forever your friend until we meet again.
Dieter*

Dieter Pape - June 07, 2025 at 01:44 PM

PS

Carol, I remember my Dad and Al teaching adult Bible classes together at Mt Zion. I know both of them are in God's loving arms in heaven.

Peter Schenk - July 21, 2025 at 06:14 AM