



Allen John Schefers

July 22, 1941 - February 5, 2026

Allen John Schefers, age 84, of Wayzata, MN passed away peacefully on February 5th, 2026. He had a second stroke on January 9, 2026, which escalated his dementia and caused his death.

Born to Alois and Alvina (Lawler) Schefers on July 22, 1941. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy (Cheeley) Schefers; his daughter, Kiley Schefers; sisters Marcy Kelsey and Bonnie (Doug) Smith; stepdaughter Kim (Ray) Stenglein; step-granddaughter Madeline Stenglein (Austin); many nieces and nephews; and many cherished friends, including his absolute best friend, Sam (Joyce) Marfield.

He was predeceased by his parents, Alois and Alvina Schefers; his brother, Marlin Schefers (18); his son, Troy Allen Schefers (22); his nephew, Aaron Kelsey (42); his brother-in-law, Larry Kelsey; his stepson, John (10); and his step-granddaughter, Annika (16).

After graduating from Kimball High School in 1960, Allen went to work for Imperial Developers running heavy equipment working day and night while taking night courses in anything related to construction. Allen was drafted into the Army in 1966 at age 27 because of his expertise with heavy equipment, and he served in Vietnam.

In July of 1967 Allen met the love of his life, Judy (Cheeley) and married her on September 30 just 3 months later that year. They were happily married for 58 years.

In 1977, Allen and Judy purchased Imperial Developers and began a tremendously successful career in the construction industry. Their Companies also included Imperial Leasing, Ideal Trucking, I.D.

Development and Grand Equipment. They worked tirelessly to build jobs in the Twin Cities such as Twin Towers on 394 & 494 which included a 22-acre lake, the old NW Airlines Site, they sent equipment to help with the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, and the Water and Sewer at the Mall of America. He always said, "when at the Mall of America flush and think of me!" Allen received a nomination for Businessman of the Year in 1981. He fully retired in 2012, but his life did not slow down... throughout his life Allen loved to travel and went all over the world. To London on the Concord, Switzerland, Scotland, Amsterdam, France, US Virgin Islands, just to name a few. His most cherished trips were on the motorcycle from MN to Alaska and back and to Banff and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies with Judy and his exciting adventures with his best friend to Las Vegas over fifty times.

Allen love spending time with his family and friends, especially when it was time for "the Toast" or to sing the Jägermeister song. He loved meeting new people and always said "I've never met a stranger." He loved living on Lake Minnetonka in the home he designed and built with Judy. The Bellagio Lodge Fish House and Boating were some of his favorites. His pond in his yard that he built in memory of his son Troy, the Koi Fish and his beautifully landscaped yard were his pride and joy and is where he spent most of his time in the Summer.

If anyone could say anything about Allen, they would tell you about his

amazing sense of humor.

He truly made us laugh...

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 11th, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel - 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, MN.

Funeral services will be Thursday, February 12th, at 11 a.m. with a visitation 1 hour prior at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church - 2385 Commerce Blvd in Mound, MN. Reception to follow service.

Private family entombment will be held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Cold Spring, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Lake (Mound)
2385 Commerce Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of the Lake (Mound)
2385 Commerce Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

Tribute Wall

TB

“ I worked at Imperial back around 1980 for a short time right out of Dunwoody as an estimator in the office. Although I didn't have much experience or knowledge at the time I was treated by Allen like I mattered and was part of the team. That always stuck with me going forward.

Tom Betcher

Tom Betcher - February 12 at 03:09 PM

NH

“ Dear Family and Friends,
It was our pleasure to care for Allen at this important time.
With Sympathies,
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice

NC Little Hospice - February 12 at 12:21 PM



“ We are truly saddened by the loss of Allen. He was always a shining light of kindness, humor, love and inspiration. He will be missed by all. Love to Judy and Kylie. Sincere sympathy, Howie and Mel and Family.

Melanie Spencer - February 11 at 08:05 PM

JR

“ I am sorry for your loss. I was fortunate to care for Allen during my tenure at Park Nicollet/Shakopee and enjoyed our time together immensely. Never at a loss for words, always upbeat, proud of this family and accomplishments. I am better for having known him.

Joe Rinowski - February 11 at 12:19 PM

TE

“ An amazing man married to an amazing wife Judy. We are so saddened by your loss but the obituary beautifully captures his spirit and legacy. We are blessed to have shared some great adventures with Al and Judy. Our prayers are with you. Tom and Patty

Tom Ely - February 10 at 04:03 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allen John Schefers.



February 09 at 07:39 PM

LL

“ Love- Chad, Tricia, Erika, Jarred & Levi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.

Love- Chad, Tricia, Erika, Jarred & Levi - February 09 at 07:39 PM

RW

“ Rodney W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.

Rodney W. - February 09 at 06:55 PM

DW

“ Darlene W. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Allen John Schefers.



Darlene W. - February 09 at 05:23 PM

DW

“ Darlene W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.

Darlene W. - February 09 at 05:23 PM

TF

“ The Cheeley Families purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Allen John Schefers.



The Cheeley Families - February 09 at 02:58 PM

TF

“ The Cheeley Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.

The Cheeley Families - February 09 at 02:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen John Schefers.*



February 09 at 12:48 PM



“ *Bridget McKelvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.*

Bridget McKelvey - February 09 at 12:48 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Allen John Schefers.*



February 09 at 11:17 AM



“ *Nancy P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allen John Schefers.*

Nancy P. - February 09 at 12:23 AM

TF

“ *The Mesenbrink Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Allen John Schefers.*



The Mesenbrink Family - February 08 at 07:59 PM

YB

“ *Your sisters. Marcy and Bonnie purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Allen John Schefers.*



Your sisters. Marcy and Bonnie - February 08 at 04:30 PM

KE

“ *Kelseys purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Allen John Schefers.*



Kelseys - February 08 at 11:54 AM