



## Alvin TeWinkel, Jr.

November 19, 1928 - July 20, 2022

Alvin TeWinkel, Jr., was born on November 19, 1928 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin where he was raised with his five siblings and Boston bulldog, Skippy. He graduated from North High School in 1946. While he was in high school, his brother Marvin was killed serving for the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. As a result of Marvin's death and at his mother's request, Al served stateside during the Korean War in the U.S. Air Force (1950-1954). After his time in the service, Al attended Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI) where he earned a business degree and met his wife, Jean. Al worked for Kohler Company for 35 years. During his career, he was active in the National Association of Home Builders serving in leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels and also volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, among other groups.

Al and Jean raised three daughters in Edina, Minnesota. Their family life was filled with music, sports, travel, and church. Summer vacations alternated between weeks at a Minnesota lake and road trips throughout the U.S. Later, the family began annual trips to Sanibel that are still a tradition. In addition to three daughters, Al and Jean raised six Old English sheepdogs and a sundry of other creatures. Al was a wonderful and faithful father who never missed a sports game, music recital, or Sunday evening letter to his daughters during college.

Al enjoyed both participating in and watching sports. He served as first baseman on his Air Force team, played golf until his late eighties, and rooted for the Packers and Cubs throughout his life. He was also a regular coach for his daughters' childhood teams. Al had an unwavering faith, was a life-long churchgoer, and volunteered his time as elder and deacon. Al's love of big band and polka was evident on the dance floor; Jean ensured that he regularly attended orchestral and choral concerts, which he also enjoyed. He honored his Wisconsin roots by becoming a master brat griller and never turned down a cold beer. Al's mischievous sense of humor shone through to the end.

Al is survived by his three daughters, Lynn (Mark) Newhall, Luanne Walsh, and Leslie (Mark) Edlund; three grandchildren, Jeanna, Allison, and Matthew; sister, Ruth (Jim) Lamb; dear friend, Phyllis; Jean's three sisters, Marilyn VanderLinden, Wilma (Bill) Nibbelink, and Faye (Dave) DeYoung; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Jean (DeYoung); his father and mother, Alvin and Marie (Oostdyk) TeWinkel; two brothers, Marvin and John; two sisters, Gertrude Simmelink and Janet Ehaney; son-in-law, Ken Walsh; and Jean's brother and sister, Dale DeYoung and Jan Brodsky.

Al passed in peace at age 93 on July 20, 2022. His love, support, and companionship will be deeply missed. The family would like to thank the staff of York Gardens and Grace Hospice for their care of Al. A memorial service will be held to celebrate his life at Christ Presbyterian Church (Edina, MN). Memorials may be directed to the family for subsequent donation to an organization that was meaningful to Al.