



## Arvid Schroeder

July 30, 1939 - November 20, 2024

Arvid Cordell Schroeder, age 85, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2024, at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN. Born in New Germany, MN, Arvid moved to Minneapolis as a teenager with his mother. While attending college, he joined the Air Force ROTC and served as an officer in the United States Air Force.

Arvid met the love of his life, Lillian ("Lil"), through Koinonians, a youth group at Central Lutheran Church. Their connection with friends from this group remained a cherished part of their lives. They married and shared 55 wonderful years together, raising a family and creating a lifetime of memories. Professionally, Arvid worked as a Trust Administrator for several banks, but his true passion lay in woodworking. He crafted many beautiful pieces of furniture, from bookshelves to his office desk. Remarkably, just five days before his hospitalization, Arvid and his granddaughter built a platform for a shed, exemplifying his dedication to teaching and creating. In addition to his career, Arvid owned several rental properties and was a well-liked landlord. His expert craftsmanship ensured that each unit was kept in top-notch condition, reflecting his pride in providing quality housing for his tenants. Lil and Arvid shared a deep love for travel, exploring all fifty states, most of Canada, and an impressive thirty-five other countries. Their adventures enriched their lives and brought them closer together.

In 1970, Lil and Arvid joined Cross View Lutheran Church, then a mission congregation, where they found countless opportunities to serve and grow in

faith. Arvid's kindness, sacrificial spirit, and caregiving nature were evident throughout his life. In 1999, after his 100-year-old mother faced health challenges, Arvid selflessly left his career to care for her full-time. He later devoted his time to supporting Lil's successful physical therapy business and caring for his beloved grandchildren.

When Lil suffered a debilitating stroke in 2019, Arvid's unwavering love and determination were evident as he ensured she received the nursing care she needed at home, sparing her from a nursing home she would have hated. His dedication to her comfort and dignity was a testament to his character.

Arvid was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian; his parents, August and Melinda; and his adopted brother, Richard Amundson. He is survived by his devoted son, Justin (Nikki); his cherished granddaughters, Vivian and Juliet; his sister, Dorothy Dornfeld; sister-in-law, Olga Bruska; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Buffalo, MN at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lutheran World Relief, a cause close to Arvid's heart.

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