



Boyd B. Bowman

May 26, 1945 - July 7, 2017

Age 72, of Roseville. Passed away surrounded by family July 7 after a heroic battle with cancer. Preceded in death by parents, Albert and Adele, brothers, Dennis and Perry. Survived by wife of 47 years, Karol; daughters, Karla (Brock) Geyen and Brenda (Doug) Price; grandchildren, Branden and Katelyn Geyen and Eli Price; sisters, Betty (Erling) Jensen and Ranees Kostron; brother, Lanny, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Boyd graduated from Metro State University in Business and enjoyed a very successful career in Human Resources and as CFO, most recently with Assurance Mfg. in Coon Rapids. He enjoyed volunteering for many organizations including the St. Paul Vulcans, St. Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation, St. Paul Optimists Club, St. Paul Minutemen, and Goodwill-Easter Seals. He was very proud of being a St. Paul Winter Carnival Vulcan in 1980 and Vulcanus Rex in 1999. He was the life of the party, loved to make people laugh, and will be greatly missed. Mass of Christian Burial Friday, July 14, at 10:30 AM at Church of St. Cecilia, 2357 Bayless Place, St. Paul. Visitation Thursday, July 13, from 4:30 - 7:30 PM at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL Funeral Home, 515 Hwy. 96 W., Shoreview, and 9:30 - 10:30 AM Friday at Church of St. Cecilia. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Regions Cancer Care Center, Church of St. Cecilia, or Vulcan Community Charities.

Tribute Wall

MV

“ I met Boyd in January of 1999 when we were thrown together as the 99 Vulcan Krewe with Boyd as our leader. I can't imaging getting so lucky to be a Vulcan with Boyd to guide us along the way. We had the best year making appearances and doing parades. He was one of a kind and his wisdom and way of making people see what is really happening and communicate things will be very much missed.

God Speed Vulcanus Rex LXII Boyd B. Bowman , until we meet again!

Sooty



Mark Vogel - September 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. And may you find comfort in knowing that your dear one is safe in the memory of God, who will remember every detail about him and bring him back again, in the resurrection. (Acts 24:15)

Mary A. Crayton - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time of sadness.

Mike and Sandie Mitchell - July 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ It is impossible for me to adequately explain what Boyd meant to me. Boyd, my Dad, and Richard Thomalla were friends prior to my birth, and as a result I cannot remember a time without Boyd in my life. I have countless stories with the three of them; most of which revolved around Staples Lake - fishing, hunting, or otherwise just hamming it up. And in this regard, no one was better than Boyd. He had a joke for every occasion. (And I certainly got my healthy sense of humor from being around those three as a child.) That said, Boyd could be serious and compassionate too. This was never more apparent than after my Dad passed away in 2002. He was always there to help open the cabin and otherwise help my Mom. And while I was often gone, and our interactions were not as frequent, he always welcomed me back with open arms and embraced my wife Amber and our children as if they were his own. He showed a genuine interest and willingness to help her and I - whether it be a bit of professional or personal advice, or just a place to sleep. We are thankful for all of it. We have lived all over the country (and the world), but Minnesota always remains home. Boyd, who I regard much like an Uncle, and his support to our family was one of the biggest reasons why. Love Todd and Amber Hansen (and family)

Todd and Amber Hansen - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Karla, With deepest sympathy for your loss. Hang on to the laughter he brought to life. It will help ease the tears in the days ahead. Ann

Ann Tuttle - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Karol, Brenda and Karla, We will all miss Boyd - but so many great memories of a great person. Sorry we have to miss the service but will be out of town at a family wedding. We will continue to remember you all in our prayers for strength . Trish and David

David and Trish Baker - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Boyd was my Best Friend for 53 years. I was introduced to him in 1963 when he was being given a training tour which took him into my office. The guide introduced us and I expected him to shake hands. Instead he picked up a roll of duct tape and taped me to my chair. I was speechless but figured the company was probably hiring "mentally challenged" people so I went along with it. That was our "intro" and a story we repeated many times. Boyd became good friends with another workmate, Craig Hansen. They recruited me for fishing trip and we became known as the "three musketeers of Staples Lake". Even with the past 4 years of fighting cancer he maintained his sense of humor and "will to live". God Bless you Boyd for "wrapping me up" and being there for me and my family. I will see you again some day playing "Cashman" or "Sun & Moon" at the big Casino in the sky. Your life long buddy; Richard

Richard and Judy Thomalla - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Karla and family, I am deeply and sincerely sorry for the loss of your father. I will keep you all close in my thoughts and prayers. SJ

Santina Janke - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Boyd was my dad's best friend and a trusted and close friend to our family. I have known him my entire life. His laughter, smile and humor always lightened a room. Thoughts and prayers to the whole family. Boyd will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Laura Thomalla DeGree - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Did that man ever stop smiling. He will be missed by so many. So glad I had the chance to be a Vulcan with him as my king.. RIP

Bill Pyszka - July 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Dear Karol, My deepest sympathies for losing Boyd. In my last e-mail to you, I mentioned how difficult this illness has been for Boyd, you, and your whole family. May he rest in peace, and may your family find solace in knowing what a happy life he had with you, and what a good man he was. I know first hand what you are going through. I am so sorry for you loss. I will see you at the visitation on Thursday. Love and sympathy, Carol Harrington

CAROL HARRINGTON - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Boyd was a fine man he was a leader, a role model, a man that gave his time and energy for others, he was a great friend, he will be greatly missed by the many that loved him including me. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Larry Malmgren - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Thank you so much for being a wonderful example of unconditional love and courage. Boyd will be missed. His energy and sense of humor lit up a room. He had such a way of making everyone feel important. His love of life inspired us. We are so sorry for your loss. We continually pray for all of you. May the Dear Lord's love surround you at this time. We love you, Kevin and Mike

Kevin Shaughnessy Thompson - July 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are coming your way during this different time for you and your family, You both gave it your best attempt to beat Boyd's disease- so sad it finally won. JoAnne*

JoAnne Pierce Mackley - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Amy Vaughn - July 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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