



## Brian Anderson

March 18, 2010

Age 65, of Minneapolis Passed Away on March 16, 2010 After an eight-month struggle with mixed phenotype acute leukemia. Survived by his wife, Kari Shannon-Anderson; children David and Elizabeth Anderson and their mother, Theresa Nelson; stepchildren Jessica and Kendra Shannon; parents Bertil and Phyllis Anderson; brother Brad (Susan) Anderson; and sister Barbara (Howdy) Stearns. Preceded in death by brother Bruce Anderson. Brian graduated Phi Beta Kappa in journalism from the University of Minnesota, where he worked on the Minnesota Daily. He began his career as a reporter for the Minneapolis Tribune. He moved to Washington D.C. in the late 1960s to work as a staff writer for a U.S. Senate Sub-committee, as Assistant U.S. Senate Librarian, and as a speechwriter for Senator Walter Mondale. He returned to Minneapolis in 1970 and become editor of Mpls. Magazine (now Mpls.St.Paul Magazine) in 1977, a position he's held for the past 33 years. He was an avid Nordic skier; a proud member and former president of the American Swedish Institute; and the 2010 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the City and Regional Magazine Association. Brian demonstrated his love for his family with wit, quiet insight, and a gentle touch. He loved the Twin Cities and spent his career promoting its richness and diversity, while mentoring young journalists along the way. Facing his illness, Brian showed great courage and grace, openly discussing his disease and his preparation for death. His family wishes to thank the many nurses and doctors at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, the University of Minnesota Blood and

Marrow Transplant Program, and Minnesota Oncology for the excellent care given to Brian. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 AM Saturday, March 20 at the Basilica of St. Mary, Hennepin Ave. at 17th St., Mpls. Visitation at church beginning at 9 AM. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to the Angel Foundation, 708 South 3rd St., Ste. 105E, Mpls., MN 55415 or CaringBridge, 1715 Yankee Doodle Rd., Ste. 301, Eagan, MN 55121 (caringbridge.org). Washburn-McReavy Davies Chapel 612-377-2203