



## Dr. Brian Francis Murn

November 26, 1927 - June 6, 2021

Murn, Dr. Brian F. "Bud", age 93, of Brooklyn Center, MN. He was born in Ely, MN on November 26, 1927. He died on June 6th, 2021. Bud was the third child born to Thomas and Mary Murn of Ely, MN, where his dad was a school teacher. In the summers, Bud's parents managed Basswood Lodge inside what has now become the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). He guided guests from the lodge on Basswood Lake throughout high school and college and loved to fish throughout his life. Bud joined the Navy shortly after his high school graduation in 1945, and served as Seaman First Class until August 1946. Following his service, he attended the University of Minnesota where he earned his Doctorate in Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) degree in 1953. Bud met the love of his life, Donna Wimmer on a ski slope in Colorado in 1956, and they were married in 1957.

Dr. Brian Murn was co-founder of Park Dental along with partner, Dr. Greg Swenson. The two developed one of the first and most successful, patient focused group dental practices in the United States. He took great joy in his relationships with staff and patients, and with some staff, the connections grew into life-long friendships. His professionalism, empathy, and kindness will be always remembered by those he worked with. He retired from Park Dental in 2016, at the age of 88.

Throughout his life Bud enjoyed fishing, remote camping trips and playing tennis with his wife Donna, family and friends. He also enjoyed spending time at the cabin just outside Ely with the extended Murn family. He had close relationships with his grandchildren, ever interested in their life adventures and perspectives. Bud had a great sense of humor, sharp intellect, and was always interested in personally engaging others. He was a voracious reader, enjoying The New Yorker, consuming books and newspapers, including "The Star Tribune", "Ely Echo", and "The Twin Valley Times". He and his wife Donna had many treasured friendships in Minneapolis, Ely and at their winter retreat in Sandestin, FL.

A life well lived, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family is eternally grateful to all Bud's relatives, neighbors, friends and his caregivers for their special friendships with him. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Donna, sister Rosemary and her husband, Jack Neal, and sister Margery Johnson. He is survived by son, Jim (Tina) Murn, daughter, Colleen (Steve) Gunning, and son, Tom (Sarah) Murn; grandchildren, Nichole (Bill) Tjon, Kacie (Aaron) Putz, Dr. Lindsay Murn (Dr. Ry Marcattilio-McCracken) Chelsea Murn, Caitlin Murn, Zachary Murn and Madison (Zachary) Hillman; great-granddaughters Jaedynn Tjon and Hazel Putz, and great-grandson Marshel Putz; his brother Dr. Thomas Murn of St. Cloud, nieces and nephews and their children, their children's children, and many, many friends. His internment will be at Crystal Lake Cemetery, in Minneapolis, MN. His memorial service will be held on Friday, June 18th, 2021, at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, 7025 Halifax Avenue North, in Brooklyn Center, MN 55429. A time of remembrance will start at 1 p.m., and a "celebration of life" service will be at 2 p.m. A reception with light refreshments will follow at Plymouth Covenant Church, 4300 Vicksburg Ln N, Plymouth. Two ideas for where to send memorials are <https://parkdentalfoundation.squarespace.com>, you can direct your memorial gift to support one of several outreaches, more information is available on the website. The Park Dental Foundation will match

all memorial gifts, up to a certain amount. Another idea is to send your gift to "Fishing for Life", a local Christian faith-based organization that reaches out to youth, families and veterans with fishing and outdoor experiences: <https://fishingforlife.org>.

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Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677

# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Lake Cemetery

3816 Penn Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
(612) 521-7619  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church  
7025 Halifax Ave North  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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