



## Bruce D. Anderson

December 24, 1931 - June 2, 2023

Anderson, Bruce D. Age 91 of Minneapolis Died peacefully at the Pillars in Oakdale On June 2nd, 2023. Bruce was born on December 24, 1931 in St. Paul and his life was anything but ordinary. His father left home when he was young and his mother stressed the importance of education, which Bruce embraced, graduating from Murray High School and eventually earning a Doctorate in Education from the University of Minnesota. Bruce proudly served in the Army for two years during the Korean War and was stationed at Fort Niagara. He met the love of his life while working at a bowling alley and in 1956 he married Nancy Belle Willson, whom he remained devoted to until his death nearly 70 years later. After graduating from the U of M, Bruce began a 46 year teaching and administrative career at his alma mater, where he helped create the modern sports management program that you see throughout universities today. He then became the long-time Associate Director of Rec Sports and was also the Official Game Timer for the Gopher football and basketball teams, including being the Timer for the 1992 Final Four at the Metrodome featuring Duke & Michigan's Fab 5 in the Championship game. Bruce loved to play and teach golf and was even on the putting green this spring. He represented the University of Minnesota on trips to Austria and South Korea to teach golf and he also won his flight in the MN State Senior Amateur Tournament as well. He also loved his cabin in Pequot Lakes and was instrumental in helping to build Whitefish Golf Club; he was a pioneer in believing that people would want to play golf while they're at the

cabin too. Bruce is survived by his wife Nancy (Nee Willson) and 2 daughters - Kristin Rauschenbach (Kurt) and Kari Zobel (Mark). He is also survived by 5 grandchildren; Sonya & Kyra Rauschenbach and Joey, Andrew & Brett Zobel. Memorial Gathering Friday, July 14, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Washburn McReavy Nokomis Park Funeral Chapel with graveside service to follow at 11 a.m. at Resurrection Cemetery, Mendota Heights, MN. A luncheon will be served at Mendakota Country Club in Mendota Heights after the service. Washburn-McReavy.com Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUL 14. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel  
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
(612) 721-1651  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Graveside Service

JUL 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)  
2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Tribute Wall

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“ Introduced me to the U and helped me guide my over 100 graduate students from all over the world be what they could be! A wonderful teacher and golfer and as well family man and just loved his lake cabin—— He’s just putting in a better and may the wind be at his back. 🙏

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“ I am so very sorry to hear of Bruce’s passing. He and Nancy were lifelong friends of my parents, Roger and Kay Acton. I have many fond memories of Bruce as a fun-loving family man. My favorite was witnessing him become the undisputed champion of distance watermelon seed spitting at our 4th of July parties. I extend my deepest sympathy to the family.  
Becky (Acton) Monteforte

Becky Monteforte - July 16, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Anderson.



July 12, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bruce D. Anderson.

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“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce D. Anderson.* ”



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July 04, 2023 at 12:59 PM