



## Charles Arthur Wennerlund

February 6, 1939 - October 31, 2020

Wennerlund, Charles A. "Chuck" Chuck passed away on Halloween at the age of 81 at home in Ham Lake, surrounded by loving family. He is survived by his wife of sixty years (and high school sweetheart), Claudia (née Bauer); children, Kelly (Michael) Lyden, Kim (Greg) Bents, Kip (Lisa) Wennerlund, and Kerry (Craig) Zupko; eleven grandchildren, Elizabeth (Michael Richards) Lyden, Emmalie (Joe) Brudzinski and Noah Lyden, Jordon (Sara) and Juston Bents, Elina, Annika and Karsten Wennerlund, Quade, Quinncy, and Chloe Zupko; sister Diana Duffy; in-laws George Duffy, Joan and Duane Blaska, Phyllis Cooper; and close friends, Jackie and Jerry Hall. Charles was born to Peg and Arthur in St. Cloud, grew up in Anoka, and remained an Anoka guy his entire life. He excelled at athletics, collecting fourteen varsity letters and becoming an all-state quarterback. He graduated from Hamline University and later earned a Master's from College of St. Thomas. Chuck had a 34-year career in teaching and guidance counseling at North St. Paul HS, Coon Rapids HS, Northdale JHS, and Anoka HS. Chuck started the first basketball program at Coon Rapids HS, and he coached high school basketball, football, tennis and golf in various capacities for many years. He also shared his love of sports by coaching his kids' youth teams. In retirement Chuck could often be found at Greenhaven Golf Course in Anoka, playing or working, or hanging with good friend, Mike Clark. Chuck was a loving and devoted husband, a wonderful father, and a fun grandpa. He loved to get down on the floor and wrestle when the kids and grandkids were young, and he was the proud papa

in hosting extended family vacations to Mexico, Florida and northern Minnesota. Chuck lived a full life. He gave and received a lot of love. He is remembered fondly and will be deeply missed. A private celebration in memory of Chuck will take place when the pandemic threat recedes. In lieu of flowers, the family would request memorials be directed to Sharing & Caring Hands.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418