



## Dale R Olseth

February 11, 2014

Olseth, Dale Roger age 83, of Hopkins, passed away Feb. 11, 2014. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy; son, David; and brother, Neal. Survived by children, Cheryl Olseth (James Empson) of Mpls., Karen (Jeremy) Solomon of Portland, OR, Jon Olseth (Marypat Anderson) of Mankato; grandchildren, Ingmar, Gunnar, Beatrice, Finn, Eleanor, Ian, Gus, Abraham, Caspar; brother, Bruce (Jan) Olseth of Bloomington. Dale graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1952 with a BA in Business Administration, MBA degree from Dartmouth College in 1956, Honorary Doctor of Law from the U of M in 2004. He served as President and CEO of Tonka Corporation 1971-1976, Medtronic Inc 1976-1985 and Surmodics 1986-2005. Dale was a SAE Gentleman, 100% Gopher fan and 100% Norwegian. He was a true believer in family, education and community. Dale served on the board of numerous local businesses and non-profits, including the University Foundation, St. Olaf College, Sister Kenney and the Minnesota Orchestra. He was the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the U of M Outstanding Achievement Award, Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year, MN Chapter of National Society of Fund-Raising Executives and the United Way Distinguished Service Award. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Gianna Homes, 4605 Fairhills Road East, Minnetonka 55345 or Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Hopkins. Funeral service 11:00 AM Wednesday, Feb. 19 with visitation starting 9:30 AM at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 500 Blake Road South, Hopkins 55343. Private interment Lakewood Cemetery. w

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Olseth Family,  
Please extend our deepest sympathy and kindest regards to the  
entire family and friends.  
Patricia Olseth Greenslit, Lansing, Michigan (St. James daughter of  
Aaron).*

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**Patricia Olseth Greenslit** - February 18, 2014 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Dale and I date back to high school days in Mankato, the SAE  
fraternity at UMN, and many skiing and fun times together through  
the years. He was a fantastic friend, a great leader, and a wonderful  
philanthropist. My love and sympathy to his family.  
Randy Vosbeck*

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**Randy Vosbeck** - February 13, 2014 at 10:19 AM