



Dale Adair Simonson Sr.

March 12, 1936 - July 7, 2020

Simonson, Dale Adair 84, a longtime Realtor and contributor to civic life in Bloomington, Minn., died peacefully on July 7, attended by his loving children. Simonson, a U of M Law School graduate and Navy lieutenant who served in Washington, D.C., and Japan in the early 1960s, was at his ease on any body of water, whether paddling in the BWCA or sailing off Naples, Fla. He and his first wife, Sondra, settled in Bloomington alongside Nine Mile Creek, where their three children explored every inch of the watershed and began their own lifelong attachment to the great outdoors. With Sondra, Dale founded Simonson Realty Inc., and the two generously gave their time and talent to community, including helping lead the effort to build the Japanese Garden at Normandale Community College and hosting its architect, Takao Watanabe. Dale also served on the boards of the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce, the Mental Health Association of Minnesota, and YMCA Camp Menogyn. After Sondra's death, Dale married Judith (Judie) Lynn Simonson, and the two spent their later years bicycling and sailing. Dale's dry wit, generosity toward others, and no-drama approach to life's turbulence will be missed by all. He is preceded in death by Sondra and Judie and survived by brother Duane Simonson; children Kris (Stewart Roberts), Dale Jr. (Christine), and Kari Simonson (Dan Ratliff); stepson Michael Platt (Melissa); and grandchildren Joey Roberts, Lindsey and Megan Simonson, Alma and Liam Ratliff, and Justin, Lauren and Evan Platt. A private memorial and interment are planned. Arrangements by Washburn-McReavy. Memorials preferred to Greater Twin

Cities YMCA Simonson Family Endowment for Camp Menogyn.