



Daniel James Haggerty

February 17, 1941 - October 15, 2025

Dan Haggerty lived a beautiful, meaningful life. Born February 17, 1941 in Chicago, IL., to loving parents, John and Norine Haggerty. He was oldest of three brothers, Jack, Ed and Jim.

He attended St. Leo's Catholic High School, and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN with a degree in business. There he met Ruth J. Blong from Staceyville, Iowa at the College of St. Catherine's and began a 62 year loving marriage partnership.

Dan joined Northwest Growth Fund in 1972 to help build one of the early venture capital firms in the United States. He was instrumental in expanding the firm's investment strategy to include private equity in the mid 1980s.

Dan worked tirelessly to help many of the firm's portfolio companies find success. He also served as an officer and director of the National Venture Capital Association.

Dan retired from a long and successful career in 1997 as the firm's managing partner. Today the firm he joined in 1972 has evolved into Norwest Venture Partners in Menlo Park with over 200 employees focused on venture capital and Norwest Equity Partners in Minneapolis with over 70 employees focused on private equity.

In 1996 he established the Haggerty Family Foundation for charitable giving which continues to support causes that are important to the family.

Dan is survived by his wife Ruth (Blong) Haggerty; three children Maureen Haggerty Mischinski, Kathy Haggerty Malone (Pete), John Edward Haggerty (Megan), his brother Edward Haggerty, his 7 grandchildren Megan, Ellen, Carter, Lily Mischinski, and Jack, Nora, Danny Malone who adored him. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and brothers Jack and Jim.

He valued and lived for family, friends, education, and giving back. He loved business, golf, fishing, traveling and relaxing outdoors at our family cabin in Wisconsin.

Dan was charismatic, engaging, wise, warm and giving. He was strong in his beliefs, and followed his own moral compass. Dan was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at the University of St. Thomas Chapel on October 27th, 9:00 am visitation, 10:00 Mass, lunch to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dan's name to University of St. Thomas scholarship fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas
2115 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daniel James Haggerty.



October 24, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Love, Paul and Erin Stucky planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel James Haggerty.

Love, Paul and Erin Stucky - October 24, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Daniel James Haggerty.



October 22, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daniel James Haggerty.

Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation - October 22, 2025 at 02:00 PM

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“ *For the Haggerty Family: Aztec Prayer to God, Only for so short a while, have you loaned us to each other. Because we take form in your act of drawing us, and we breathe in your singing to us, But only for a short while have you loaned us to each other. Because even a drawing cut in crystalline obsidian fades, and the green feathers, the crown feathers, of the Quetzal bird lose their color, and even the sounds of the waterfall die out in the dry season, so we too, because only for a short while have you loaned us to each other. Much love and peace to each of you. Lois Wilkins and Mike Gleue*

Dr. Lois Wilkins - October 17, 2025 at 12:15 PM