



David H. Bjornlie

November 10, 2015

David Hans Bjornlie, 78, of Andover, MN died Tuesday November 10, 2015 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN.

David was born on April 20, 1937 as the 2nd of 6 children born to Olaf and Olga Bjornlie of Dawson, MN. He attended a one-room country school in Lac qui Parle County, MN from 1st through 8th grade before attending and graduating from Dawson High School in 1955. After graduation, David joined the Marine Corps and was stationed in San Diego, CA. Following his service, David attended Augsburg College on a football scholarship where his freshman year was tragically interrupted by the sudden death of his father. He then studied Sociology at St. Cloud State University and the University of Minnesota. David's entrepreneurial spirit and early business experience inspired him to form his own telecommunications company, Syscom International, which he managed until 2001. He continued to pursue additional career ventures in home mortgage and real estate in his "retirement" years.

David married Nancy Larson on October 17, 1997. They lived their married life on a 10-acre hobby farm in Andover where they maintained a pasture that allowed David to pursue his life-long love of horses. One of David's greatest joys was sharing his love of the outdoors with his son Dan – hunting, fishing, and exploring their native Minnesota and the mountains of the West. As a long-suffering Minnesota Vikings fan, David could name the starting line-up

and early-round draft picks for the last 30 years. He frequently spent his free time searching for a bargain at local auctions and competing in blackjack tournaments at casinos throughout the state. David's dry, witty sense of humor could always get the room laughing and will be deeply missed.

David is survived by his wife, Nancy of Andover, MN; son, Dan (Nichole) Bjornlie of Lander, WY; sisters, Wanda Coley of Hull, GA and Lois (Maynard) Larson of Dawson, MN; former spouse, Ellen Bjornlie of Monticello, MN; numerous nieces and nephews; and his faithful canine companion, Jake.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Olaf and Olga Bjornlie; sister, Marian Bjornlie; and brothers, Roger and Paul Bjornlie.

A memorial service will be held at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapel in Coon Rapids on Monday, November 16, 2015. Visitation will be held from 5 to 6 pm, with service at 6 pm. Chaplain Joan Olson will officiate. Donations received will be used to construct and place a bench at the Bjornlie family plot at the Dawson cemetery in memory of David and his brother Paul.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss, what a beautiful well written obituary, for those of us who know some of the family here in Georgia it gives you a warm feeling to read what an interesting and amazing man he was. Thank you for sharing Janice McMillan - Floyd.



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“ Our sympathy to you and family. We were classmates in school had lots of good times.

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