



David Junior Gerdes

January 18, 1940 - June 17, 2020

David J. Gerdes died June 17, 2020, at 80 years old. In his own words, he was "old enough".

David was born 18 January 1940 in Mountain Lake, Minnesota to Marie and John Gerdes, a family of eleven, he being the omega of this group. His early years were spent living on various farms in southwestern Minnesota. High school studies and sports activities along with farm work kept him busy until graduating from Mountain Lake High School in 1959. Within a few months, he began serving four years in the US Navy. He was either one of the luckiest or unluckiest sailors who never set foot abroad on any ship's deck.

After military service, he settled in the Twin Cities area where he remained for the rest of his life. Employment ensued at numerous companies until enrolling in college. Graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in 1987 from Metropolitan State University, he was employed in the implantable medical device industry until retiring in 2002.

During his time in college, David was introduced to the world of the arts which opened up new avenues of interest. The art galleries, history museums, and musical organizations occupied many happy and enjoyable hours of David's time. Numerous love interests came into and out of David's life, but he never wandered down the matrimonial aisle nor received any anonymous Father's Day cards.

David is preceded in death by his parents John and Marie (Dick) Gerdes, step-mother Marie (Ewert) Gerdes, sisters Edna, Verona, Lydia, and Dora;

brothers Rueben and George, two infant brothers and one infant sister. He is survived by brother Harry Gerdes of Ornsby, MN along with numerous nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Memorials are preferred to Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Fine Arts. Before the service, you are invited to view the "Celebration of Life" video produced by David's niece VerLynn Bruemmer. After the memorial service, you are invited to the interment at Fort Snelling.

Join in celebrating David's life on July 9, 2020, at 11 am in Hopkins, MN via live-stream at <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/David-Gerdes/#/> PhotosVideo Memorials are preferred to Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Fine Arts; 511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403. No flowers, please.

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service of David J. Gerdes in memory of David Junior Gerdes



Washburn-McReavy - July 08, 2020 at 08:53 AM

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David was the head usher of the 9:30 service at Hennepin Church for years. He liked to have things go smoothly and was annoyed when there was a change to part of the service and he had not been told that the change was coming. He always figured out how to have the worship service happen without anyone, other than the ushers, knowing about changes. He started the usher picnics, usually held in August. He wanted us ushers to have time together when we were off ushering duty. Many ushers, family members, and clergy enjoyed the picnics over the years. David will be missed by the Hennepin Church ushers and congregation.

Greg Putnam - July 09, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ Mr. Gerdes was a wonderful person, always had a smile and a handshake to share.

Tara Emerson - July 01, 2020 at 02:00 PM