



David Ray Jorgensen

February 18, 1947 - June 16, 2024

David Ray Jorgensen, 77, of Brooklyn Center, MN died on June 16, 2024, surrounded by family, after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. David was born on February 18, 1947, in Luck, WI to Melvin and Irene (Larson) Jorgensen. He was the oldest of five children.

David attended Luck schools and graduated from Luck High School in 1965. While in high school David was an active member of St. Peter's Church, 4H and FFA. He also worked for Polk County Highway Department, the local gas station, Stokley's vegetable factory and the Duncan Yo-yo factory. He also was always busy helping on neighboring farms.

After graduating high school, David attended the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and graduated in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and Economics. While studying at Eau Claire, David met his future bride, Donna in 1967. After graduating they were married on December 27, 1969, at First United Methodist Church in Rhinelander, WI.

After they were married, they moved to Hutchinson, MN for a short time, before moving to Roseville, where both of their children, John and Susan, were born. In 1977 they settled into Brooklyn Center where they have lived ever since, enjoying the triumphs and joys that come with a growing family. They found great success in the love and cherished memories they created as

a family.

After college, David went to work for the MN Department of Revenue. He was a caring and dedicated employee and worked with the MN Department of Revenue for 44 years before retiring in 2013. He was well respected at work and was honored with the Lighthouse Leadership Award in 2007 for leading by example, motivating co-workers and for always being available as a resource person.

David enjoyed traveling with his family, most recently having gone to Florida. His travels included Spain, Alaska and Hawaii, many trips to Mexico and many other adventures. He enjoyed numerous winter trips to Sanibel Island, for quiet family time on the beach. But for David, nothing compared to being at home or the cottage with his family.

David had many interests, but nothing was as important to him as family. He was a loving husband, caring father and a doting grandfather who lived to see his grandchildren laugh and smile. He glowed with pride at their accomplishments and rarely missed a concert, game or awards night. He truly loved nothing more than to be surrounded by his family.

He enjoyed daily games of cribbage with Donna always as his teammate. He loved the summer months when he could spend time at the cottage making fires, going on boat rides and watching his grandchildren catch fish from the dock. Summer months also welcomed his love for gardening. He enjoyed a good dad joke and would laugh at any pun, especially when told by his favorite grandson. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who asked, and there was never an errand he wouldn't run for you.

David was caring and compassionate. He always had a kind word for everyone. He was loved immensely and loved all those around him. His sense of humor and love of life will be forever missed by all.

David is survived by his loving wife of nearly 55 years, Donna, his son John, his daughter Susan (Luis) and his grandchildren Luis Enrique, Jhoseline, Daniel and Catherine and his great granddaughter Ruby. He is also survived by his siblings, Barbara Jorgensen, Faye Kamrath (Jeff) and Dennis Jorgensen as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Melvin and Irene Jorgensen, and his younger brother Mark Jorgensen.

A service to Celebrate David's life will be on Thursday, June 27, 2 PM, with a visitation 1 hour before at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel. 5125 West Broadway, Crystal.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

JUN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall

LL

“ I worked with David Jorgensen from 2001 until his retirement. He was a patient and kind person. I am grateful to have known him and pray for his family.

Lisa Larkins

Lisa Larkins - July 02, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TW

“ David Jorgensen, who so many of us at Revenue affectionately called Jorge, was one of the good guys. Anyone that had the privilege to work with him, respected him for his expertise as well as for his calm personality. In the last few days, every conversation that I've been a part of about Jorge has centered around two main aspects: The awe that we all still have of how you could ask him any tax question and he had an answer, no looking it up or getting back to you, and you didn't look further because you knew it was right. Secondly, what a kind man he was. He had the patience of a saint.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Jorgensen family. The loss of such a wonderful man will be deeply felt.

Godspeed Jorge. Heaven is lucky to have you.

Tammy Weissenfluh

Tammy Weissenfluh - June 27, 2024 at 03:59 PM

DC

“ Donna, Susan, & John –

Please let me express my deepest sympathies on your loss.

David was one of few who was very private about his life outside Revenue. He was a very kind and helpful man to everyone he worked with and was liked and admired by all.

David was my lead-worker from 1989 when I transferred to Brooklyn Center, until 2013, when we both retired.

David was THE consummate and prototypical lead-worker. He was a friend to all and an advocate FOR all. When I took over as supervisor of Brooklyn Center in 2001, nothing could have helped my transition or provided as much confidence as having Dave there. He made me and everyone, including my friends Irene and Kyle who have already written, look better and be better.

Kyle mentioned getting there early and Dave was already there with coffee made (and half-gone). I also noticed the stack of cases he left at 3:30 the day before for his review were now on my desk for supervisory review and approval, along with several new assignments and supporting materials.

One of our long-time coworkers, Linda Kent, once said that David was, “the glue that holds the office together”. I can’t think of a nicer thing to say.

Dan Cerney

Dan Cerney - June 27, 2024 at 03:18 PM

LF

“ Luisito and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of David Ray Jorgensen.



Luisito and family - June 27, 2024 at 01:08 AM

JF

“ Jhoseline F. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of David Ray Jorgensen.



Jhoseline F. - June 26, 2024 at 09:55 PM

OF

“ Omar family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David Ray Jorgensen.



Omar family - June 26, 2024 at 02:43 PM

OF

“ Omar family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Ray Jorgensen.

Omar family - June 26, 2024 at 02:43 PM

KO

“ Jorge always beat me into the office in Brooklyn Center and usually had coffee already going. One morning I came in and he was sitting behind his desk and had a weird look on his face. I asked him what was going on and he told me that he had applied to go to the Leadership Academy that the Department put on. Then he handed me a letter which was a rejection stating that he had to work for the Department of Revenue to be considered for the Academy. Then he said the only swear word I heard him utter. He said “What the hell do they think I have been doing for the last 38 years”. I asked him he was sure he worked for the Department and he replied that at least he was still getting paid.

Kyle Orvik - June 21, 2024 at 08:52 PM

IH

I am currently in Europe and heard the sad news about Jorge's passing -in the early months at Revenue J kept me going and now it's 2024 and I am still there -he was very kind man and will be missed.

Irene Hass - June 25, 2024 at 11:18 AM

RA

I had the good fortune of working with David as my lead worker when I started my employment with the Sales Tax Division in January 2008. He was always patient and pleasant and well as as a pillar of knowledge on sales tax. I always felt comfortable approaching him with a question.

Rita R Andert - June 28, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Ray Jorgensen.



June 21, 2024 at 09:33 AM