



## David Edwin Milbrath

July 10, 1944 - December 29, 2024

Milbrath, David E. age 80 of Minneapolis, passed away on December 29, 2024. Preceded in death by parents, Cyril and Mary. Survived by loving wife of 58 years, Diane; daughter, Holly (Eric) Larson; granddaughter, Ingrid; brother, Dean (Diane); and many extended family and friends.

David Edwin Milbrath was born in Duluth, MN on July 10, 1944, He passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024, after a long journey with dementia. David grew up in Hermantown and went on to receive his DDS at the U of M Dental School in 1967. Opening his first dental practice in Richfield in 1967, he grew the practice to 41 offices with numerous partners and wonderful employees who were like a second family to him. Over the years he was a member of local and state dental organizations and served on the board of directors for the Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation and American Dental Partners.

He was a longtime member of Edina Country Club and Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. He enjoyed life to the fullest when he was playing golf, tennis, cooking, gardening, watching the Packers and traveling. His travels included Alaska, Hawaii, Ireland, Russia and Africa. David's real passion over the years was the North Shore. There he spent time at the cabin, hiking, skiing, hunting, gardening and cooking. The North Shore allowed him to flourish in another passion, photography.

Photography played a major part in every trip he would take. From the views, colors and beauty of Hawaii, to the grittiness and rawness of the Russian

people and landscape, David's photography told stories. The most important trip of David's life was a journey to Africa, where the animals and scenery presented were perfect participants in his photographs. David's pictures provided visual memories of his past as he struggled with the memory robbing disease of dementia. You can see some of David's pictures hanging in the halls of many Metro Dentalcare locations. A phrase commonly used to describe David in the days since his passing is "Loving and Caring". In lieu of flowers memorials preferred to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church or Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation. Memorial service to be held Thursday, January 16th at 1pm with visitation one hour prior at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis. The service will also be livestreamed at <https://mtolivet.org/live-on-sundays/>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)  
5025 Knox Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Church Service

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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5025 Knox Avenue South  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Gregory S. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Edwin Milbrath.

Gregory S. - February 21, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Edwin Milbrath.



January 13, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Edwin Milbrath.

January 13, 2025 at 10:50 AM



“ Your Friends and Family at Metro Dentalcare planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Edwin Milbrath.

Your Friends and Family at Metro Dentalcare - January 10, 2025 at 04:37 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Edwin Milbrath.*



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January 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Edwin Milbrath.

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January 08, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Edwin Milbrath.*



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January 07, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Edwin Milbrath.

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January 07, 2025 at 04:42 PM

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“ Dearest Diane & Family,

*We are so sorry to read of David's passing. Our memories go back to the Richfield days of so long ago, the fun we had going to the Viking's games at Met Stadium when it was -25 degrees, Halloween parties at Maki's, sleigh rides also in the below 0 temps. Those fun, crazy days of our youth will forever remain. Please take comfort in knowing Diane that David is at peace. There is no more pain and suffering. He was a good man who loved his family and we know he will be missed. May God bless you and your family with peace in your heart and calming thoughts of what was.*

*Sincerely,*

*Penny & John McCallum*

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**Penny McCallum** - January 06, 2025 at 03:09 PM