



## David P. Paulson

May 12, 2017

Paulson, David P. 79, of Eden Prairie, MN, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017. David was born June 13, 1937 in Estherville, IA, the son of Chester and Pearl (Bonstead) Paulson, and grew up on a farm by Wallingford, Iowa. He graduated high school in Estherville, IA in 1955 and from Iowa State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1959. David married LeAnn Twito of Estherville, IA in 1959, and had two children, Nancy (1961) and Steve (1964). David started as an Engineer with Marathon Corporation. He held many different jobs with what eventually, through mergers and acquisitions, became the American Can Company, quickly advancing to Plant Manager. He worked for this company, which changed ownership and names a few- more times, throughout his 42-year career. David retired from what was then known as Georgia Pacific in 2002. He was an effective and honest leader, who was always respectful of those he supervised. As he was once quoted "The secret to working with people is to observe the Golden Rule". His career required multiple moves across North America, including Wisconsin (4 times), California, Georgia, Connecticut (2 times), Toronto, New Hampshire, and Arkansas. In addition to the adventure of exploring new locales these moves had the benefit of creating a nationwide network of close friends that David valued and maintained throughout his life. He eventually retired to Mesa, Arizona (winters) and Eden Prairie, MN (summers). David was very active in his faith, serving on church councils and as president of several congregations. He taught Sunday school, and regularly attended adult bible

classes. He was also very involved in community organizations, including the Rotary Club, Elks Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and helped to provide computers to a local technical school. Outside of his work and community pursuits, David enjoyed many activities with friends and family; especially, golf, bowling, hunting, fishing, painting, and cards. He and LeAnn traveled throughout North America as well as to Bermuda and Europe. They traveled to the Masters Golf Tournament and were able to attend both a summer and winter Olympics. David was very much a family man, making sure that his family frequently returned to their Iowa roots, to visit relatives on both sides of the family. David loved children, and was an exceptional Father and Grandfather. David is survived by the love of his life, his wife LeAnn, daughter Nancy (John), son Steve (Laurie), granddaughters Hannah Pelegano and Erin Paulson, grandson Benjamin Pelegano. David is preceded in death by his parents Chet and Pearl and his brother Wayne Paulson. A memorial service will take place at Prairie Lutheran Church, 11000 Blossom Rd., Eden Prairie, MN on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 11 a.m. Visitation will be at Prairie Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m., prior to the memorial service. A luncheon at the church will follow the service. Interment will occur on Saturday, May 20th at Wallingford Iowa Cemetery. All are invited to a luncheon at Wallingford Lutheran Church at 12 noon, preceding the burial. A special thank you to Pastor Joel Quie, Pastor Miriam Samuelson - Roberts, Interim Pastoral Associate and the entire congregation of Prairie Lutheran Church. The family also wishes to extend appreciation and affection to the wonderful and caring staffs and friends at Struthers Parkinson's Center and Summit Place Memory Care. As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent to: Prairie Lutheran Church, 11000 Blossom Rd. Eden Prairie, MN 55347, Struthers Parkinson's Center, 6701 Country Club Dr., Minneapolis, MN 55427, Summit Place Memory Care, 8501 Flying Cloud Dr., Eden Prairie, MN 55344, or any charity of your choice. "It is not the length of life, but the depth of life" -Ralph Waldo Emerson Washburn-McReavy.com  
Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Eunice Christensen sent a virtual gift in memory of David P. Paulson*



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**Eunice Christensen** - May 19, 2017 at 07:41 PM

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“ *David contributed so much to our world. WOW! I can't imagine all the jobs he had, and yet had time for his family, church, and many communities in which they lived. May you feel the love and hand of God as you cherish happy memories of David. With sincere sympathy and ❤️, Eunie*

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**Eunice Christensen** - May 19, 2017 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Eunice Christensen lit a candle in memory of David P. Paulson*



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