



David Noel Rademacher

December 21, 1932 - April 7, 2024

Age 91 of Mounds View MN, died on April 7, 2024 surrounded by his loving wife and family.

One of 12 children, he was born in Escanaba, Michigan to Paul H Rademacher and Marie L Jaeger. According to him, he will always be a "Yooper" or one from the U.P. of Michigan. He made sure people knew this about him!

His life was unpredictable. He grew up in Escanaba and since age 6, he and his brother peddled papers early every morning in all kinds of weather. Much snow in Escanaba! Hard working family values were instilled.

He worked on an ore boat sailing the Great Lakes. He hitchhiked to Michigan State and was a walk-on in their football program. In training he broke his kneecap and couldn't play. But coaches Duffy Daugherty and Biggy Munn visited him in the hospital! He went up to Marquette and did some college there, playing football and basketball. He was drafted into the US Army in July 1952 during the Korean War. Trained at Fort Bliss Texas and Fort Benning Georgia. Because of his football history, he was asked to play on football teams at the Fort. He said "sure"! Then he was told where he would have gone if not for football: "Far East Command" meaning the War in Korea!

He played on Army teams throughout the South, playing against many players bigger and stronger than he was. Just a few concussions. But he loved the game and wasn't afraid to tackle players who went on to join the NFL! There was a Joe Fortunato story that many grandkids now know by heart!

After honorable discharge from the Army in 1954, he worked at various jobs in Milwaukee and elsewhere. With the GI Bill, he was advised to go to UND and he enrolled and played football there. He graduated from UND with degrees in Statistics and Economics. He came down to the Twin Cities for work. He married Mary Ellen Rasinski in 1959 and they had four children. They divorced later. He married Susanne (Sue) Sieverding in 1983, and they had one son.

Dave was an avid reader, and especially enjoyed books about history, particularly WW II history. He knew every battle and every leader. He also loved old planes and knew their names and what they did in the War. This knowledge was passed down to children and grandchildren.

He worked many years for the State of Minnesota in Research and Development as well as the Demographers Office as a Senior Research Analyst. He got to know various Governors, Senators, and even Presidents of Universities. He was "accused" by some of saving one Governor's life from drowning during the Governor's fishing opener one year! He had an outgoing personality and always made others feel welcome. He also was a jokester and punster who would cause many to groan but smile at his attempts at humor. He loved life and the great outdoors. He loved people!

He loved and will be greatly missed by his wife, Susanne. They celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary this past year. They enjoyed many years together and included many trips and vacations with family. He loved all his children and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Mary Jean Benson, Elaine Feltes, Paul D. Rademacher, Ruth Ann Sullivan, Mildred (Micky) Gaffney, Catherine Patricia (Patsy) Hoppe, Bernice Buda, John Joseph Rademacher, Marjory Gendreau, Robert Francis Rademacher, and Nancy M. Rademacher.

He is survived by his wife, Susanne, and children Marie E. Past (Larry), David X. Rademacher (Elizabeth), Jeanne A. Rademacher, Barbara Dunbar, Adam J. Rademacher, (Brittney), and loving stepdaughter, Rebecca M. Park (Tony). Also survived by grandchildren Mike, Cassandra, Jessica, Nora (Kinsey), Elliot, Tim, Peter, Kyle, Mercedes, Jayse, Emersyn, Vera, Mason, and Aaron. And 4 great grandchildren.

Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, friends and co-workers. He also was a member of the Twin Cities Slovenian Group, although he was not Slovenian. Susanne is part Slovenian and David loved the Slovenian culture and people. All will miss him!

Mass of Christian Burial will occur on Monday April 29 at 11 AM at St. Odilia's Catholic Church in Shoreview. Visitations will be on April 28 from 3-5PM at the Holcomb Henry Boom Shoreview Chapel (Washburn McReavy) and from 10-11AM at St Odilia's on April 29. A luncheon will be served at the church after the burial at St. Odilia's Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to Mary's Place in Minneapolis, and Disabled American Veterans groups.

Washburn-McReavy.com

Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell

Shoreview Chapel
651 (482-7606)

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria Street N.
Shoreview, MN 55126

Tribute Wall

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“ I just saw this today, 21 months after his passing, and wanted to let you know that I will miss David. I worked many years with him on the 3rd floor of the Centennial Bldg where he was with Demography and I was with LMIC. He was in my St. Paul Saints ticket group. He was a great story teller!! Blessings to his family.

Scott Freburg - December 27, 2025 at 09:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Noel Rademacher.



April 26, 2024 at 04:31 PM

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“ Barbara Sieverding and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Noel Rademacher.

Barbara Sieverding and Family - April 26, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David Noel Rademacher.



April 25, 2024 at 12:49 PM

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“ *LuAnn, Russ, Bill, Kathy, Bonnie, Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Noel Rademacher.*

LuAnn, Russ, Bill, Kathy, Bonnie, Debbie - April 25, 2024 at 12:49 PM