



David Roy Rosewall

October 1, 1954 - January 14, 2024

In Memoriam: Remembering David Rosewall

It is with profound sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved David 'Dave' Rosewall, aged 69, on January 14, 2024, in Minneapolis. He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Byron Rosewall.

Dave was raised in Evanston, Illinois, where he attended Evanston Township High School and was active at his family church Northminster and his youth group, TUXIS. He moved to Minnesota for his undergraduate degree and stayed in the Twin Cities the rest of his life. Dave lived in Bloomington from 1989 to 2023, a majority of that time spent raising his family with Janet Fitzgerald, who he met his freshman year at Macalester. The last 12 years were spent with his partner, Anne Walsh, who he had known since childhood in Evanston.

Professionally, Dave started his career in psychology at Macalester, then studying animal behavior and psychology at the University of Iowa. He later earned both an MIS and MBA from the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed a successful career in human resources with numerous Minnesota companies including NCS, St. Paul Companies, Cargill and Children's Hospitals, forming lasting friendships along the way. He was regarded as a wise, friendly and funny coworker, who always went out of his way to boost the careers of his

colleagues.

Dave, a cherished member of his community, dedicated numerous hours of his life to volunteering with Prepare + Prosper, Habitat for Humanity, and VEAP. His commitment extended to serving as a board member of CASA MN and MVUUF. A long-standing member and active volunteer at Minnesota Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Dave contributed his time to multiple committees and planning groups. He was an integral part of the congregation band, Zenith Avenue, playing the electric bass. Additionally, Dave taught for many years in the religious education department and beyond.

Dave's diverse interests included maintaining the land and finding solace at the cabin he designed in Trego, WI, crafting a walking trail by hand, and teaching himself numerous building and outdoors skills. He enjoyed immersing himself in music both as a listener and player. He adored his grandchildren (who called him Baka) and cherished major milestones and holiday moments with his Will-Wall family.

He is survived by his loving partner, Anne Walsh, daughters Carolyn (Marshall) Rosewall, Melissa (Brian) Polski, son Daniel (Amy) Rosewall, and his former wife Janet Fitzgerald. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren: River, Charlotte, Raylee, Fitzgerald, and Brooks. Dave is also survived by his sister Ann (Steve) Rosewall, brother Michael (Ellen) Rosewall, his mother, Diane Rosewall, nieces, nephews, and numerous family members in the extended Rosewall and Fitzgerald family, and his second family, the Williams.

Join us for a Celebration of Life for David Rosewall
Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 11:00am at First Unitarian Society
900 Mt Curve Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403

In honoring the memory of David Rosewall, please consider a donation to CASA MN or Prepare + Prosper in lieu of flowers.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave, Michelle Bensenberg and I shared two years of graduate school as the best of friends (and cohorts). He was a kind soul. T. Stephen Cody tstephencody@gmail.com 520-664-2076

T. Stephen Cody - June 30, 2025 at 08:47 PM

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“ Carolyn D. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Roy Rosewall.

Carolyn D. - April 03, 2024 at 08:23 PM

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“ It was such fun working with Dave on the MVUUF Board, teaching OWL, and playing music. Every time I saw him, I'd walk away with a smile. Thanks Dave.

Tom Ehlinger - February 19, 2024 at 07:01 PM

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“ It's an over-used term, but Dave was truly a "Good Guy." I worked with him for several years and always found him to be professional, honest, helpful, and without envy or deceit. He was a comrade, a partner, and a friend, both during and after work. I helped him pull out his dock in 2022, but hadn't heard from him since. I was shocked to learn of his serious health issue and profoundly saddened to learn of his abrupt passing. My deepest sympathy to Anne and his family.

Bob Hartzler - January 20, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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“ Amanda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Roy Rosewall.

Amanda M. - January 19, 2024 at 04:39 PM