



Dean Alvin Clifford Wahlberg

October 10, 1929 - February 9, 2023

Dean Alvin Clifford Wahlberg died peacefully February 9 at age 93 after a day surrounded by family and music.

Dean was born October 10, 1929, on a dairy farm along Grindstone Lake near Sandstone, Minnesota. He was the youngest of 11 children of Knute Albert Wahlberg and Lillie Elizabeth Stenson Wahlberg, whose families came from Sweden. Dean liked to say the family had "five-and-a-half-dozen" kids!

Dean's early education was in a one-room school on land donated to the district by his father. After graduating from Sandstone High School in 1946 at age 16, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1948, he enrolled in the University of Minnesota and served in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. He majored in mathematics and became a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

At an exchange dinner with the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, Dean met Marilyn Louise Stoneman. On December 29, 1951, they were married at Mayflower Congregational Church in Minneapolis. They made their home in Bloomington, North Oaks and Woodbury, where Dean served for many years as Wedgewood Association chair. In 2022, he and Marilyn moved to Woodland Hill assisted living in Hudson, Wisconsin.

Dean worked as an actuary and vice president at Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co., now Securian Financial, in St. Paul. In 1986, after 35 years, he took early retirement and joined DCA Inc. in Minnetonka, as benefits group president, retiring in 1993. Dean served on health care organization boards, including at Bethesda Lutheran Medical Center (chair), Health East Care System (finance committee chair), Health East Foundation (finance committee chair and chair) and Benedictine Health System Foundation (finance and investment committee chair).

Dean was a choir member and tenor soloist at Mount Olivet Lutheran in Minneapolis and First Lutheran in White Bear Lake. After joining Plymouth Congregational Church, he served as finance committee chair. He and Marilyn enjoyed season tickets to the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Lakeshore Players Theatre, Theatre de la Jeune Lune, Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Opera and the Minnesota Vikings.

Dean and Marilyn were members of the North Oaks Golf Club, where Dean served as president. Dean enjoyed friendship groups involving investments, bridge, Plymouth church, Wedgewood, and a weekly men's group. He liked fly-fishing and pheasant hunting. In his younger years, Dean was a pitcher in a fast-pitch commercial league and a water volleyball player at the St. Paul Athletic Club. He never lost the ability to create and recite poems, sing songs from memory and recall numerous jokes.

Dean was preceded in death by brothers Leonard, Arnold, Lee, Roy and Bruce, and sisters Clara, Helen, Esther, Norma and Hazel. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Marilyn; son Bill (Sandi) Wahlberg of Little Canada, daughter Susan Lamb of Minneapolis and son David (Rigoberto Gallegos) Wahlberg of Madison, Wisconsin; grandchildren Ryan Wahlberg, Holly Wahlberg, Jennifer (Brent) Molitor and Kelly (Matt) Segura; and great-grandchildren Michael, Ben and Connor Wahlberg, Jackson Holubik and

Maxine, Josephine and Camille Molitor.

A celebration of Dean's life will be held Monday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue S., Minneapolis. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Plymouth are welcome.

Washburn-McReavy.com

Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Plymouth Congregational Church
1900 Nicollet Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dean Alvin Clifford Wahlberg.*



March 29, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dean Alvin Clifford Wahlberg.*



March 27, 2023 at 07:29 PM