



Derek Sigurd Hansen

November 25, 2017

Hansen, Derek Sigurd of Minnetonka passed away on Nov. 25, 2017. He was insightful and generous, had a huge heart and a quick wit, and was passionate about the people and places he loved. Born Christmas Eve 1971, Derek grew up in Golden Valley and Plymouth. As a Robbinsdale Armstrong Falcon (Class of '90), Derek ran cross country, played golf, and was a goalie for the hockey team. After high school, Derek attended Gustavus Adolphus College where he continued his hockey career under legendary coach Don Roberts. In 1994, he graduated with a major in history and a minor in management. The following winter, he signed a contract with Hemsta IF in Gävle, Sweden and played semi-pro hockey for one year. After working in the financial services industry for several years, Capital Group offered Derek his dream job in 2000 as an American Funds Wholesaler. He covered metro Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Northern MN. And earlier this year, he was promoted to Senior Vice President. In 2013, Derek met fellow Gustie Kara Buckner while both were serving on the Gustavus Alumni Board. Derek proposed to Kara in Drammen, Norway (the town where his Great-Grandfather lived before emigrating to the U.S. in the early 1900's), and they were married in Chiusdino, Italy last year. Derek remained very involved at Gustavus and was most recently serving on the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees, Co-Chairing the National Athletics Advisory Board, and spearheading various renovation and fundraising efforts for the hockey team. This spring, Derek was also selected to be a Director for

the Evans Scholars Foundation. As a teenager, he'd caddied at Golden Valley Country Club, and his late uncle (Bill Hansen) had received an Evans Scholarship to the University of MN. Derek was a European history buff, an avid golfer, and a diehard MN and Gustavus sports fan. But above all else, he was thoughtful and giving a true original who will be missed more than words can say by his wife Kara Buckner of Minnetonka, father Bob Hansen of Plymouth, mother Ellen Hansen of Coon Rapids, grandmother Hilda Hansen-Fussy of Robbinsdale, sisters Shelly Harms (Phil) of Salatiga, Indonesia and Marianne Bennett of Seattle, nieces and nephews, and countless friends, family members, and colleagues. Memorial Service will be held at 2pm on Tues, 12/5 at Mt. Olivet Church (5025 Knox Ave S, Minneapolis), followed by a Celebration in Honor of Derek from 4-8pm at Minneapolis Golf Club (2001 Flag Ave S, Saint Louis Park). In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Gustavus Adolphus College (to be directed by the family) and the Evans Scholars Foundation. Washburn-McReavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Church
5025 Knox Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55419-1015
(612) 926-7651

Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Pilon - 1990 (#10) lit a candle in memory of Derek Sigurd Hansen*



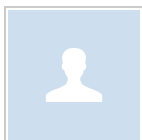
Bob Pilon - 1990 (#10) - September 18, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *I have just heard about Derek's passing and am heartbroken for him and your family! I dealt with Derek for many years professionally and always delighted in our times together. As bright and professional as he always was I experienced Derek also as a sensitive and caring person who knew that life was much more than what the world defines as "success" even as we was successful in providing for himself and his family. He made our relationship as much a friendship as it was a business one. I will miss him greatly.*

Derek, until we meet again in the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark Magnuson - December 11, 2017 at 02:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Derek Sigurd Hansen.*



December 04, 2017 at 12:06 PM