



Don Bolke

May 24, 1940 - August 20, 2022

M. Don Bolke

Bolke, M. Don. Age 82, of Edina, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Saturday, August 20, 2022 at N.C. Little Hospice, Edina. He was born in Riggins, ID on May 24, 1940. He was a graduate of Washburn High School and St. John's University, Collegeville, MN. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserves where he learned to be a medic. Don went on to have a successful career in banking at both Northwestern National Bank and National City Bank. Don decided he wanted to make a change and worked for the George S. May Company where he was able to help numerous small and medium sized businesses throughout MN discover opportunities for new ways to grow and improve their organizations. He put many miles on his car and by the time he retired, it seemed as though there wasn't a city or company he hadn't heard of in MN. He was the president of the Edina Jaycees where they were able to raise enough money to purchase Edina's first ambulance. He was also active with Junior Achievement and in more recent years was a math tutor and volunteer at Risen Christ Catholic School which brought him much joy. He was a very talented artist especially when it came to painting, loved talking about history and enjoyed playing many rounds of golf throughout his life. He also had a great sense of humor and was an entertaining storyteller. Don always had a wonderful circle of friends and he knew how lucky he was for that and never took it for granted. He also enjoyed traveling and trips to

Greece, Venezuela, Ireland, Napa Valley and a trip with his entire family to New York City in honor of the 50th Anniversary of his marriage to Nancy, were definitely the highlights for him. He also adored his four-legged furry companion, Arnie, who was always by his side. Don is preceded in death by parents Harriet and Marvin Bolke; and infant brother Timothy. Don is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Nancy; son David; daughter Julie (Greg) Galbus; granddaughter Grace Galbus; sister Carol Ann Homstad and several nieces and nephews. Our family would like to thank the staff and volunteers at N.C. Little Hospice for the compassion and care they showed Don and our family in addition to the incredible staff at Interlude Restorative Suites, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Risen Christ Catholic School, Minneapolis or N.C. Little Hospice, Edina. Visitation Wednesday, August 31, 4-7pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St. & Hwy 100. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, September 1, 10am at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S. 8th St. Minneapolis 55402.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Church Service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Olaf Catholic Church
215 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Tribute Wall

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“ He will always be “Mr. Don” to me. Mr. Don, Mr. Jim (Burnett) and I joined forces to read stories to kindergartners at Bancroft Elementary for three years. Mr. Don and Mr. Jim had already been there for some time when they “graced” me with an invitation to join them. We were known as “The Three Grandpa’s” by the school staff as we roamed the halls. I was blessed to know them both. Don always hummed quiet little tunes as he walked by puffing out his cheeks. I think they were all original melodies. I’m a musician and I never recognized a single one! If the Dairy Queen across the street was open, we rewarded ourselves with a treat. “But don’t tell Nancy,” Mr. Don would say. Blessed be his memory. Mr. Richard (Duncan)

Richard Duncan - August 30, 2022 at 06:37 PM



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