



## Donald Stanton Asp

May 16, 1936 - January 31, 2025

Donald Stanton Asp died peacefully on January 31, 2025. He was born to Swedish emigrants on May 16, 1936, the youngest of seven siblings. He grew up on farms near Milaca, Minnesota and went to Milaca High School. After a 3-year stint in the US Army, he attended the University of Minnesota, earning a Phi Beta Kappa BS followed by an MD in 1965. While at the U of MN he allegedly heard a young Bobby Zimmerman perform at the 10 O'clock Scholar in Dinkytown.

Dr. Asp had a distinguished career as a physician, helping to start the Family Practice specialty program at the U of MN, then helping establish programs in other states and in India. He published numerous papers and received many awards, including the President's Award for Outstanding Service at the U of MN. In addition to serving his patients in Minnesota, he went on numerous international missions to Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Indonesia, Bosnia, China and Cuba.

He is survived by Clara, his wife of 66 years, sons Jonathan (Linnea), Erik, and daughter Maria (Mike Russell), grandchildren Kristofer, Emily (Nick Balay), Odin Russell, Kai Russell, and great-granddaughter Natalie Asp-Balay.

A celebration of life will be held on March 22, 2025 at 11 am at First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, 900 Mt. Curve Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403. Memorials in Don's honor may be made to First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis or American Swedish Institute.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Dr Asp started his practice in Milaca mn . My mother worked with him and always had great things to say about him . We were lucky to have him for the time we did in our town. Paul Ash Milaca son of Marian Ash RN*

Paul Ash - May 18, 2025 at 02:43 PM

TB

“ *Beautiful celebration of life in Uncle Don Asp's honor today!*

Trent Blomquist - March 22, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MA

*Dr. Donald Asp was a unique human being . He was born to serve people . He was like an angel. He displayed bright light to peoples hearts. My son and I went to visit him and his wife the last time and they prepared special soup. We had a good time. A unique Doctor Who served the medical needs of others in the early morning hours.*

Magdalena - April 05, 2025 at 03:59 PM

SJ

“ *Dr Don Asp-a remarkable mentor for hundreds of physicians spread across the globe. He touched me in the formative years of a young doctor in training. He is and will always be a hero to me. Scott Jensen*

Scott Jensen - March 22, 2025 at 09:21 AM