



Donald G Brauer

February 28, 2014

Brauer, Donald George 84, a man of great faith, futurist, environmentalist, community planner, mentor and entrepreneur, passed away February 28, 2014 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's. At Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina, visitations will be Monday, March 3 from 5-7 pm and Tuesday, March 4 at 11 am prior to a 12 noon service of life. Don was born November 24, 1929 in Clinton, IA to Alvin P. and Mildred R. (King) Brauer, the oldest of three children. After attending Clinton Junior college, he achieved a Civil Engineering degree from Iowa State University and a masters of Public Administration from University of Minnesota. He was a Special Weapons Officer in the US Air Force and reserves. He founded Brauer and Associates and later The Brauer Group that together envisioned and defined spaces and projects including the western Minneapolis suburbs. He was a leader receiving life accomplishments from many National professional associations and mentored 20 years at the U of Mn Humphrey Institute. Don was a proud 50 year Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow, a past Edina club president, first Foundation chair as well as a key Eden Prairie club formation catalyst. Don was a member of Normandale Lutheran as well as chair or director of many Minnesota or community based foundations and charities. He is survived by his wife, Gudrun Brauer of 58 years; three children, Mark (Beth), Sonja Milstead (Steven Sharp) and Susan (Daniel) Mickelberg; three grandchildren, Daniel (Savanna) Brauer, David Brauer, Laura Brauer; and one great-grandchild, Harriet Brauer; along with his brother,

William (Gladys) Brauer and sister-in-law, Doris Koenen (Marvin); and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Mary C. Young. Memorials preferred to Edina Rotary Foundation or donor's favorite charity. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ *Don was a mentor to me before I knew what a mentor was. He will influence me to the end of my days.*

John Worrall

John Worrall - August 03, 2014 at 01:33 PM

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Don was a fantastic professional. I became aquatinted while working for Harrison, Brauer, Rippel from 1959 thru 1962 while a student at Iowa state. A very talented professional.

Martin Gilchrist - July 02, 2021 at 04:18 PM

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“ *The self-proclaimed peripatetic planner has taken his last earthly walk to continue his work in a sacred new realm ordained by God. He will be painfully missed by those of us who remain behind but we know to Whom he belongs and for Whom he will be toiling. Don was my cherished mentor, forever teaching and encouraging, always providing good counsel, and always setting a high and principled standard in both business and family life. Of course, he also had the perfect partner in Goodie. He positively influenced my life from the first moment I set foot on Edina soil and I thank God that I have been able to claim him as a dear friend and mentor for nearly half a century. Gail and I extend our condolences to Goodie and the wonderful Brauer family. Fred Hoisington.*

Fred Hoisington - March 03, 2014 at 02:33 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald G Brauer.*



March 03, 2014 at 09:59 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donald G Brauer.*



March 03, 2014 at 09:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald G Brauer.*



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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald G Brauer.*



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