



Donald Vernon Dillon

June 4, 1931 - July 17, 2020

Dillon, Donald Vernon

Born, June 4, 1931 to Stanley & Edith Dillon. Died peacefully after a brave battle with Alzheimer's & Leukemia on July 17, 2020, "Safe in the arms of Jesus".

He is survived by wife; LaVerne, sons; Mark (Paula), Mike (Edie), Tim (Kelly) and daughter; LeAnne (Jonathan) Toren, Grandchildren; Matthew J. Dillon PhD, Marcia (Skyler) Hunt, Alexandra Dillon, Chelsea Dillon, Brady (Elexa) Dillon, Samantha Dillon, Maria Dillon, Timothy Dillon, Joseph Dillon, Julianna Dillon and Janessa Dillon. Great-grandchildren; William, Keira, Kyler, Kayden, Kensleigh, Bailey, Brianna, Elijah, Bonnie, Rosalie, Carson and Riley. Sister; Shirley Dillon, sister-in-law; Marguerite Dillon, many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by parents and brother, David Dillon.

Baptized and confirmed at Salem Covenant Church in NE Minneapolis. He spent a lot of time at his parent's cabin on Lake Pulaski.

In high school he was co-captain of the football team and was the catcher on the baseball team. He graduated from Minnehaha Academy in 1949 where he

met the love of his life, LaVerne Drange. They married Sept 6, 1952. Five years later the babies started coming, three boys and a girl. This was the beginning of a beautiful family that was such a blessing to him.

He graduated from Augsburg College in 1953. He received his Master's Degree in Mathematics at San Diego State University in 1972. The family came along and spent the summer in a tent camper at Campland Mission Bay. It was a wonderful summer.

He served in the US Army from 1953-55. He spent one year on Eniwetok in the Marshall Islands as a mail clerk, Corporal. He witnessed an atomic blast and felt the after effects. During their off time, he would coach their softball league and snorkeled in the ocean.

He taught at Minnehaha Academy before beginning his tenure at Sibley. He was a Math Teacher and Coach at Henry Sibley High School for 37 years. He coached the swim team to several conference and state championships. He also coached shot put and cross country. He was a substitute math teacher for Richfield and Bloomington schools in retirement. He worked for CDP Imaging Systems for several years.

He served on the board at Trinity Lutheran of Minnehaha Falls. He was the Sunday School Superintendent, a Trustee, involved with Witness by Fellowship, a founding member of the Pathfinders and taught Bible Classes. He was also involved in the Gospel Crusader Teams under the leadership of Don Fladland in the 1960's.

He was a founding member of Living Word Lutheran Church in Eagan since 1984. To honor the infallible Word of God was so important to him. He wanted to make sure future generations knew the truth about God and that Jesus is the only way to eternal life. He was the first chairman of the board of elders.

He served on the board of elders for many years. He was also very involved in the Academy that was part of the church for many years.

He was an avid golfer and pheasant hunter, loved softball, camping, and traveling to Seattle, WA, and served at Camp Patmos as a life guard during family camp. His favorite time was when his family would all be together. Nothing would make him happier.

Visitation will be on Thursday, July 23rd from 4-7 pm at Washburn McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel, 1838 E Minnehaha Pkwy. Masks are recommended by not required. Memorial service will be on Friday, July 24th at 11 am at Living Word Lutheran Church, 4300 Nicols Rd in Eagan. Visitation will be one hour prior.

Memorials preferred to Living Word Lutheran Church, Camp Patmos or any Missions fund of your choice.

“I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Church Service

JUL **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Living Word Lutheran Church
4300 Nicols Road
Eagan, MN 55122

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.



July 22, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.



July 22, 2020 at 02:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.



July 22, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.



July 22, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.*



July 22, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *your GMI family & friends purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Vernon Dillon.*



your GMI family & friends - July 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM