



Douglas Dean Roy

July 30, 1934 - September 18, 2022

Roy, Douglas Dean of Edina, 88, beloved husband, father of four, and grandfather of eight, died peacefully on September 18th. Doug was born on July 30th, 1934, to Melvin and Alice Roy, the youngest of three. He was raised in Minneapolis and graduated from Patrick Henry High School in 1952. It was during high school that Doug discovered his love for camping, birding, and the outdoors; formed Doug Roy's Rhythm Boys jazz band; and started dating the love of his life, Elizabeth (Betty) McElroy, through their families' involvement in Olivet Baptist Church. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Doug taught social studies, open education and alternative education at Sibley High School in West St. Paul for 37 years. For many years he used his summers to serve as Director of Camp Lael in northern Minnesota. In 1956 Doug married Betty McElroy and they had four children, Denise, Lisa, Stephanie, and Andy, living first in Minneapolis and eventually settling in Edina. He enjoyed traveling extensively to Europe, Africa, and Indonesia, and taking camping trips all over the US. Doug was an active member of University Baptist Church, Friends of the Boundary Waters, the Sierra Club, Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, and countless other progressive organizations. He was a peace and civil rights activist, an environmentalist, and a lifelong educator and learner. He was also an avid student of evolutionary biology. Most importantly he will be remembered as a wonderful husband and father, loving sibling and a silly and playful grandfather. He will be greatly missed. Doug is survived by his wife Betty; children Denise Roy, Lisa Roy, Stephanie Leervig (Steve), and Andrew

Roy (Sonja); grandchildren Edmund, Clara, Leona, Ben, Sam, Nick, Noah, and Sadie; brother Mel Roy (Shirley); and sister Marlys Pickering. Funeral will be held Saturday, October 22nd at 11 am, with visitation starting at 10 am at University Baptist Church. Memorials preferred to Friends of the Boundary Waters or University Baptist Church.