



Mr. Duane Jerome Solem

September 25, 1928 - May 2, 2020

Duane Jerome Solem, 91, of Edina, Minnesota, passed away May 2, 2020 from complications of COVID-19.

Born September 25, 1928 in Dell Rapids, SD, the only son of Thorleif and Alice (Solbak) Solem. Married Margaret Maureen (Faricy) Drake in 1956, and Jane Marion (Gauger) Haugesag in 1963. Partner with Beverly (Pester) Bergman since 2005.

Duane graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1946 and Augsburg College in 1956. He loved music and while in high school was in the swing band that won the National Amateur Swing Band Contest at Carnegie Hall.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy from 1950-1954, serving in Japan during the Korean War on the Admiral's staff and in the Navy Band.

He spent his career in the farm equipment, industrial distribution and fabrication industries, starting in 1955 as a purchasing agent with Johnson Hydraulics and finishing as President of Nott Company in 1998.

He was a 50+ year member of the Free Masons Minnehaha Lodge, Minneapolis Scottish Rite and Zuhrah Shriners. He enjoyed working at pancake breakfasts and the Shrine Circus to raise money for the Shriners

Hospital for Children, which became his favorite charity.

He is survived by his loving partner Beverly Bergman; his children: Jarlath (Mikal) Hendee, Marshall (Patti) Solem, Foster Solem, Greg (Mary) Haugesag, Todd (Lori) Haugesag, Steven (Susan) Haugesag, 9 Grandchildren and 5 Great Grandchildren

He was preceded in death by: Thorleif and Alice Solem, Maureen Faricy Solem, Jane Gauger Solem, and Regan Faricy Drake.

A Memorial Service will be held later in the summer when it's safe for friends and relatives to assemble.

Interment: Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis

Memorial donations can be made to the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital for Children at www.lovetotherescue.org or mailed to Shriners Hospital for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis MO 63110 with a note requesting the donation be applied to the Twin Cities hospital in Duane's memory.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

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“ *Duane was awesome - a life well-lived! We'll miss his good humor and his hugs and smiles. He was a generous man. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you all.*

With love,

*Lila Thompson
Craig and Pat Wodnick
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Pat Wodnick - May 04, 2020 at 11:48 PM

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“ *I will miss his great smile, the twinkle in his eye and the wonderful hugs I always got when i saw him. He will be dearly missed!*

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