



Earl Robert Johnston, II.

April 4, 1933 - March 12, 2024

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather left his earthly home at 90 years of age on March 12, 2024, after battling pulmonary fibrosis for three years. He grew up and went to school in Robbinsdale, MN and later resided in Brooklyn Park. In his youth, he spent many summers up north with his family and this led to a job as a fishing guide at Beckers Resort in Grand Rapids, MN. He began his career in sales and spent most of his professional life as an asphalt estimator working for Northwest Asphalt. He truly enjoyed his profession and always treated his customers with honesty and integrity. Over the years he coached youth sports including hockey, baseball, and softball. He was also involved in organizing the Brooklyn Park Youth Hockey Association. He had a passion for history and later in life became president of The Robbinsdale Historical Society. Earl was a man of many interests. Throughout his life he was a devoted fan of Indy car racing and enjoyed attending races with his family. He was an avid storyteller and loved music. He always said, "I don't know what the world would be like without music." Most nice weekends he could be found outside: relaxing, working in the yard, and always whistling.

Family was his number one priority and some of his favorite times with them were spent relaxing up north in cabin #9. Preceded in death by his parents, Earl R. Johnston I and Irene Johnston, sister, Barbara Johnston, and son, Earl R. Johnston III. He is survived by his wife, Gail, daughters, Jennifer Cohen & Jackie Caspers (Tony Caspers), grandchildren, Aaron, Mandy, Madison,

Waverly, Lauren, and great granddaughter, Junia.

You will be greatly missed by your entire family!

We want to thank his hospice team from North Memorial for their supportive and compassionate care during his final weeks. We couldn't have managed without them.

A private service will be held in his honor.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to his son's U of M Scholarship in Earl's name at: <https://crowdfund.umn.edu/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.personalcampaign&participantid=1>

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Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *What a great man! Wonderful father and role model for all the neighborhood kids. Forever thankful for the influence he and his wife had on me growing up. Thanks Coach!* ”

Carla Wetsel - April 22 at 01:09 PM