



## Edwin A. Maas

May 2, 2016

After a courageous battle with cancer, Edwin Albert Maas passed away on May 2, 2016 in Coon Rapids, MN. He was 69 years old, and is survived by his wife, Gracia Maas. He is also survived by his children Heidi Ernst, Andrew Maas (Tracy), Keith Maas (Jen), Rebekah Banks (Dan), and Bethany Sewald (Jon). He will, also, be missed by 12 loving grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and countless other friends and relatives.

Ed was born on January 19, 1946 in St. Paul, MN at Midway Hospital to Albert and Marie Maas. He grew up in a loving family along with his three brothers (David, Warren, and Paul). He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics in 1970 and added an MBA in 1973. In 1967, a mutual friend introduced Ed to Gracia Thill. Ed and Gracia were married on June 16, 1968. While living in Maplewood, MN, they had three children. During this time, Ed was attending the University of Minnesota. Together, Ed and Gracia built a house in Hugo, MN and added a fourth child. They moved the family to Macon, IL, where they lived for one year before starting a hobby farm in Olin, IA. They added their fifth, and final, child in Coon Rapids, MN. This has been their home for the past 30 years. Ed retired from a career as a Computer Programmer, Systems Designer, and Systems Analyst. During his retirement, he continued with a wide variety of interests including woodworking, stained-glass work, wine-making, airplane-building, painting, gardening, bee-keeping, and entertaining the grandkids.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Edwin

is survived by his three brothers, David Maas (Julie), Warren Maas (Ann) and Paul Maas (Julie); and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He will join his parents and other family members at the throne of our LORD. Heaven rejoiced when Ed joined the chorus of voices singing GOD's praises.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14th, at North Heights Lutheran Church, 2701 Rice Street, Roseville, MN 55113. His family will host a visitation, at the church, 1 hour prior to the service and a time for refreshments following the service. On Sunday, May 15th, Edwin will be buried by his family at Johnsonville Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery near his parents and other family members.

The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice for the help and support provided during Edwin's illness. Memorials are preferred to Heartland Home Healthcare & Hospice (2685 Long Lake Rd, Roseville, MN 55113) and North Heights Lutheran Church (1700 Hwy 96 W, Arden Hills, MN 55112).

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **14**. 12:00 PM (CT)

North Heights Lutheran Church  
2701 Rice Street  
Roseville, MN 55113

# Tribute Wall



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edwin A. Maas.*



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May 14, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *Men and Women of the 66th Air Operations Squadron purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edwin A. Maas.*



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**Men and Women of the 66th Air Operations Squadron - May 12, 2016 at 05:30 PM**

GM

“ Dear Gracia and family,  
We just learned of Ed's passing and want to share our deepest sympathy with you, your children and all of the family. It seems cancer just claims one after another.  
I remember when Duane talked about the time he and Ed worked together and now they are both gone. We find it hard to accept that reality but at least we know their suffering is over and they are walking with Jesus. The last time we saw Ed was at the Maas Reunion last summer and I'm thankful for the short time we had there to visit.  
Our condolences to David, Warren and Paul too. We know only too well the deep loss we feel when losing one of our siblings.  
Wishing you God's blessings,  
Gene and Norma Maas

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**Gene Maas** - May 09, 2016 at 10:48 PM

MP

“ So very sorry to see Ed's obituary in the paper. Many fond memories of our time in Maplewood in the trailer park.... Your life has taken you down many paths as Ed's story shared. I have wondered often where you ended up over the years. I still have pictures of our girls when they were tiny.... I would love to catch up with you sometime: email is: B4ziggy@aol.com  
Marnie Peterson (Marlene North...)

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**marnie peterson** - May 09, 2016 at 09:11 AM