



Fred D Salmon, Jr.

November 17, 1932 - May 4, 2020

Fred was born November 17, 1932 in Minneapolis to Fred Sr and Helen (Robbins) Salmon. Fred passed away on May 4, 2020 as a result of his battle with cancer and complications from COVID-19.

He grew up with his parents and two brothers, Charles and John in Columbia Heights, often referred to as "the Heights" or "Nordeast".

As a teenager, Fred had a very colorful work history including: digging graves, attending to a greenhouse full of gloxinias, delivering newspapers, setting bowling pins at the bowling alley, and at local restaurants after closing he could be found being lowered into vent pipes to clean them of grease.

After graduating from Columbia Heights High School, he entered the Army where he served in South Korea from 1953-1955. He worked in the field artillery's fire direction center putting his math skills to work determining trajectories for the big guns to hit their targets.

Following his honorable discharge, Fred returned to work at Waterman-Waterbury Company where he met his future wife Merna (Kjergaard). Just recently, Fred told us he knew after their first date that he was going to marry her! After graduating from Minneapolis Business College, he started his 38 year career with Safetran Systems. Fred would often mention that he

graduated from college on a Friday and started work on a Monday. Through his 38 year career as the finance comptroller, ownership changed 5 times but Fred could be found sitting at his same desk.

Fred has been a member of Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church for 58 years. Once the church became aware he was an accountant, he was recruited to be their treasurer, which lasted for several years. He joined the choir because they were desperate for bass singers. Fred and his wife Merna have developed many lifelong friendships with members of the church, which have lasted through the years.

Fred and Merna were married on June 29, 1957, enjoyed over 62 years of marriage, and raised their three children: David, Karen and Paul. Although they called Plymouth their home, they were very connected to Balsam Lake, WI. They bought the lakeshore property in 1975 and through lots of sweat equity built their cabin, which is where they officially moved to after Fred retired. It's at-the-cabin where the family has some of their best memories! Fred and Merna moved back across the border three years ago when they sold the cabin and are now Minnesota residents once again.

Fred is survived by his wife Merna; children David (Beth), Karen and Paul (Deb); grandchildren Madeline (Nick), Nick, Daniel (Dalia), Emily (James) and Aaron; great-grandson Owen; brother John (Betty) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles and son-in-law Glenn.

Memorials may be sent to Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church, Salvation Army or charity of donor's choice.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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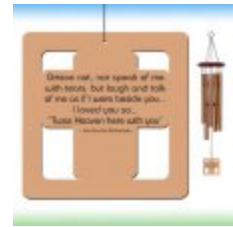
“ I was thinking about Fred just recently and thought I would search on line and sadly found this notice. My husband, Mike Kruse, worked with Fred for many years at Safetran. (Mike passed away unexpectedly in October 2006.). Mike considered Fred a good friend and mentor. I remember hearing Mike say so many times that he would discuss something with Fred to get his thoughts. Mike truly appreciated Fred’s knowledge, wisdom and his sense of humor. This is one of the really good guys gone but never to be forgotten.

Jodell Kruse

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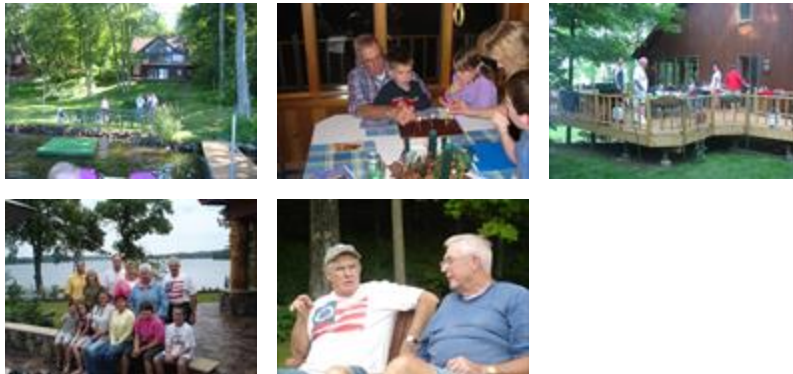
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