



Mr. George Edward Christiansen

October 26, 1945 - May 15, 2020

George (Jo) Edward Christiansen, age 74, passed away on May 15, at his home in St. Louis Park surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 53 years and high school sweetheart, Janice Christiansen (Murray); children Jill (Mark) Mironer and Jodi (Nate) Herman; grandchildren Brian and Mae Mironer and Olivia, Eli and Samuel Herman; as well as brothers Walter (Angelika) and Richard (Vicki) Christiansen.

Born in Minneapolis he attended Hopkins High School before graduating from St. Cloud State University. He spent his early career working for Phillips Petroleum before working for Allstate Insurance company and then opening his own agency, Southwest Insurance. He was active politically and a dedicated supporter and advocate for the St. Louis Park public schools, serving on the PTSA and for more than a decade on the School Board, including time as President of the Board. He took great joy in the achievements of his children and grandchildren and in spending time at Breezy Point in northern Minnesota driving the boat, snowmobiling, cooking and playing cards. He will be remembered for his kindness, humor, and devotion to his family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be made in memory of George Christiansen to the Mayo Clinic for Prostate Cancer Research (1-855-852-8129 or <https://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donatemc>)

A private ceremony for immediate family will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 11am at Edina Morningside Community Church. Friends and family are invited to watch and participate in the virtual service via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 980 6904 4796

Password: George

<https://zoom.us/j/98069044796?pwd=SC9WM1JFbIN2bHd4UEpoK2pIR2JZZz09>

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Crematory (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

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“ Going to miss you Jo Jo ! In the day.....60 plus years ago, I was by your side and blocked for you.....to be continued. So glad we had opportunity to reconnect recently. The most memorable thing I'll remember is the crazy/unusual way we bonded daily on many walks to school our " knuckle-fight punches ". You filled the shoes expected.....in your very unique friendly, yet serious way. Your parents would be so proud of you. To Jan and family.....Jo Jo was so proud of you !!! He will always be in my heart. Rest in peace Jo.



Bruce Berry - May 20, 2020 at 12:17 AM

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“ I am heartbroken to say goodbye. You sure fought the good fight buddy! Now you may rest and take it easy. You left your mark on this world for sure. I will never forget you my friend. Barb S.

Barbara Scheiber - May 19, 2020 at 09:09 PM