



George John Steiner

August 29, 1937 - May 10, 2026

Steiner, Major General George J.

Age 88, of Anoka. George was a caring, generous man who always put others first. He treasured his family and friends. George's devotion to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren was constant. He enriched the lives of many through volunteer activities including Epiphany Church, Blue Devil's Association, Children's Surgery International, AACAP, the VA Hospital and Unity Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie, of 64 years; sons John (Tracy), Tom (Mary); daughters Mary, Cathy (Dominic); grandchildren Katie (John), Allison (Alex), Daniel (Dorielle), Hannah (Jack), Matthew, Benjamin (Becca), Nicholas (Sarah), Christopher, Joshua (Mercedies); great grandchildren Hannah, Gabe, Leo, Elijah, Sebastian, Margaret, Peter, David, Pia and Rose; and brother Jim (Rita). Preceded in death by parents Norbert Steiner and Elizabeth Peltier and brother Ron.

A graduate of Humboldt High School and St. John's University, he earned a master's degree in Social Work from St. Louis University in 1963. He was the Director of Health and Social Services for Anoka County and later as Deputy Commissioner of Human Services for the state of Minnesota.

George also served in the United States Army Reserve in the following capacities: Commander of the 1st Battalion, 409th Infantry, 205th Infantry Brigade in St. Cloud, the 6th Infantry Division (Lt.)(R.O), 88th Army Reserve Command and 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, MN. He retired in 1997.

Enjoying his lake home, world-wide travels and being with his family brought him great joy.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be Monday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m., with Visitation at 9:30 a.m. at the Church of Epiphany, 1900-111th Avenue N.W., Coon Rapids, MN 55433. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Church of the Epiphany or Missionaries of Charity, 335 East 145th Street, Bronx, N.Y. 10451.

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Plant - May 22 at 02:38 PM

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General Steiner realized Citizen Soldiers were part of their communities and ensured Army Reserve Centers were made available to scouting and city group meetings and ordered an annual weekend Open House for citizens to see in-person the wide variety of military occupations, showcased state of the art equipment and vehicles, and helped America see what the 88th Army Reserve Command was all about. After his retirement the same concept came to life at the 2014, 2015 and 2016 Coon Rapids Armed Forces Day events, co-located with the Epiphany Church Carnival. In attendance were Veteran organizations, Arden Hills Army Reserve Soldiers with equipment and HUMVEES performances of the 451st Army Band that began with Coon Rapids mayoral Armed Forces Days proclamations. The event also showcased local Veterans with extraordinary military service and the Battlefield History Team sharing WWII equipment, vehicles, reenactors and historians. U.S. Army and Army Reserve Public Affairs and Safety Officer, Ken Plant, setup the Hearts for Heroes booth each year, where visitors could fill out postcards thanking Army Reserve Soldiers serving overseas (delivered by USAR Chaplains). Despite the Army constantly changing its recruitment campaign, Ken made the observation, "General Steiner ensured every Soldier could "Be All They Could Be."

Ken Plant - May 22 at 02:39 PM

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*May 20, 2017, video of Armed Forces Day event with Lieutenant General George Steiner welcoming Coon Rapids, its mayor, and surrounding communities to a performance of the 451sts Army Band. Rain did not stop Army Reserve Soldiers setting up displays along with the Battlefield History Team and local Veterans, inside smaller tents just outside the performance area. To view the video, copy and paste the following link into your browser:
<https://youtu.be/RwznTIWrgaU?si=VfisXiUHroeBGZWZ>*

Ken Plant - May 22 at 03:57 PM

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“ I was saddened to learn of the passing of General Steiner. I knew him from the annual Veterans Day Color Guard ceremony that he organized and officiated at Epiphany Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. The first time I was invited to attend the ceremony I didn't know what to expect. The Entry and Presentation of the Colors before Mass caught my attention, with members of all branches of service marching in half step. After Mass the colors were retired in an equally moving march. It was a very patriotic ceremony that made me feel happy and proud to have served. Thank you General Steiner for your service to America. My condolences go out to all his family, friends and fellow soldiers.

Tom Salwasser - May 19 at 11:09 AM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about George. Through the years, speaking with him at family gatherings was engaging. I remember Ree and George's wedding so long ago. He was such a great guy! My sincere condolences and prayers to his family and friends.

Donna Dongre - May 16 at 09:10 PM

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“ Prayers For George, he will be missed. I remember the trip we took with Fr. Reiser to Italy. good memories.



karen Hadzima - May 16 at 09:54 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of George John Steiner.



May 12 at 12:11 PM

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“ George was a good soldier and friend. Among my life's blessings were knowing and serving with him.

Paul Rehkamp - May 11 at 06:28 PM