



Gregory Gerald Sorensen

December 9, 1962 - February 12, 2025

Our dear Greg, father and husband, passed away in loving arms in his home on February 12th at the age of 62. Greg certainly fit his name - he was gregarious and fun loving, always quick with a corny joke and a big smile. When he teased, he would declare that he only teased those he loved. His hugs were warm and powerful. A close second to his huge love was his determination and work ethic. Greg graduated as valedictorian from Central High School in Paddock Lake, Wisconsin. He then double majored in MIS and accounting at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire. Greg finished in four years while working full time as an intern his last year and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Greg met his wife Julie in ballroom dance class during his last semester in college where he danced his way into her heart. His sense of rhythm brought energy to all those on the dance floor with him.

After college he moved to Oregon to work for Andersen Consulting. Greg and Julie were married on July 18th, 1987 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. They spent two years in Portland, Oregon together before moving back to Minneapolis, Minnesota to be closer to family. By April of the next year, his first son Blake was born. Greg contracted the building of his home in Chanhassen where he lived with his family the past 34 years. He painted the whole interior of the house himself, and with the help of his dad completed all of the woodwork as well. During the construction, a carpenter commented, "What are you going to do with this big place? Fill it with kids?" He was again richly blessed with three

more children: Jessica, Nicholas, and Jared.

To support his family, Greg pursued a career in IT management. He was dedicated to his profession and often worked long, hard hours. Throughout his career, he worked for Tsumura International, Department 56, US BioEnergy, and Gradient Resources. Most recently, he was the CIO of Scott County where he worked until two weeks before his death. He was truly passionate about his career and gave his all right up to the very end.

Outside of work, Greg enjoyed many fun-filled trips with his family. When the kids were growing up, each year they would spend a week in June in Eagle River, Wisconsin at a timeshare with Greg's parents and the week of the 4th of July with Julie's family on the beach in Fontana, Wisconsin. They made many happy memories boating, fishing, swimming, and spending time with their extended family. He also took his family on camping trips to the Black Hills in South Dakota, Colorado, Yellowstone National Park and the North Shore in Minnesota. Greg also took his family on several magical trips Disney World over the years. Making memories with his family was very important to Greg.

Holidays were Greg's time to shine. He enjoyed cooking and decorating for those special days. For summer holidays, his specialties were 4 bean casserole, potato salad, and grilling. At Thanksgiving, he would always cook the perfect turkey, and at Christmas he made Swedish meatballs and shopped for hors d'oeuvres. He was very particular when it came to selecting the perfect Christmas tree and took great pride in covering the tree with hundreds of lights.

Greg was a Diet Coke enthusiast and an avid Nordic skier. He first participated in the American Birkebeiner in 2012 where he skied the Birkie Classic. In total, he completed the Birkie Classic nine times with his best finish coming in 2019 when he placed 96th overall and 5th in his age group. He

loved skiing and was hoping to ski the Birkie into his 80s and beyond. More than anything, Greg wanted to keep on living. Even before he had children, he said that he was looking forward to becoming a grandfather. He deeply loved his four grandchildren and was looking forward to watching them grow. Family gatherings won't be quite the same without his booming voice and wonderful laugh. We will feel his love in our hearts forever, and he will be dearly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Kay Sorensen. He is survived by his wife Julie, his four children, Blake (Stephanie), Jessica (Kevin) Brian, Nicholas, and Jared, and his four grandchildren, Abraham, Ashton, Joel, and Alma. Visitation will be held at 9:30am on Saturday February 22nd with funeral mass to follow at 11am at St. Victoria Catholic Church (8228 Victoria Dr, Victoria, MN 55386).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mayo Clinic- Pancreatic Cancer Early Detection Research Program (Donate to Mayo Clinic).

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Victoria Catholic Church
8228 Victoria Drive
Victoria, MN 55386

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Victoria Catholic Church
8228 Victoria Drive
Victoria, MN 55386

Tribute Wall

GF

“ Julie and family, please accept our prayers and sympathy. We did not know of Greg's passing until recently. The Sorensen family has been a source of happiness through years of friendship, Glenda and Butch Dupons

Glenda Dupons Bear Realty, Inc. Broker f - May 29, 2025 at 09:01 PM

LB

“ My fondest memory of Greg was seeing the Sorenson family dancing up a storm at Kelly Stelling's wedding a few years back. You guys filled the room with joy! It was great to get one on one time with Greg at Jessica's home a few years ago. Blessings to you all💕. I hope to see you again soon. Love, Lin

Lin Bercher - February 23, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gregory Gerald Sorensen.



February 20, 2025 at 08:22 PM

KB

“ I grew up with Greg in Paddock Lake. From the age of 4 through all of our grade school years we were good pals. On more summers days than I can count, we'd run across our backyards to meet on another and head off on some adventure in our the little town, that in the 1960s and 70s, was a quiet, kid friendly haven. We spent many hours together setting up our Matchbox cars in my parents' garage, riding our bikes all over town (and me falling and breaking my leg when we were racing each other on our bikes when we were 8, and his dad carrying me home with that broken leg dangling over his arm) to swimming in the lake, going to the Paddock Lake summer carnival together, and playing hours of baseball with the other kids in the neighborhood. We shared many a Popsicle, cookie, and Twinkies, and would wash it all down with a bottle of his mom's Tab soda - which tasted awful but we drank it anyway. We found a opossum hidden in a box filled with old clothes in his parents' garage, and I still remember how we screamed and ran when it lifted its head and hissed at us. I was fascinated by the gerbils he kept in his room, and disappointed each time my mother gave a firm "Absolutely not," when Greg would try to give me one to take home. He allowed my inner tomboy to fully shine, and gave me the nickname "Ken" which my mom wasn't too fond of, but I fully embraced.

I hadn't seen Greg since High School, and then ran across him about 8 years ago one day at Christmas time at the Paddock Lake Burger King. We spent a few minutes catching up, and I'm glad I have that adult memory of the my childhood playmate.

I extend deep sympathy to his wife Julie, his children and grandchildren. I will always fondly remember the boy he was, and the times we spent together growing up in our own version of the "Wonder Years."

*With sympathy,
Kenda Turner Buxton*

Kenda Turner Buxton - February 20, 2025 at 01:42 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Julie and family. My late husband, Steve, absolutely admired and respected Greg during their tenure together at Scott County. I will miss that big voice and the energy Greg exuded. I have no doubt they are debating the best infrastructure needed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
All my love,
Jennifer Dobie

February 19, 2025 at 06:59 PM



“ *Maëlle Gueguen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gregory Gerald Sorensen.*

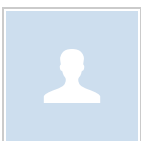


Maëlle Gueguen - February 18, 2025 at 05:04 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gregory Gerald Sorensen.*

February 18, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gregory Gerald Sorensen.*



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