



Gregory Jerome Wasick

June 1, 1947 - September 27, 2024

Greg was born on June 1, 1947 in Minneapolis, MN to the late Jerry and Chrystal (Ellison) Wasick. He married Karen Strack of St. Cloud on May 26, 1973. Greg died on September 27, 2024 with Karen and his daughter, Suzanne, by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Suzanne (Alan), Breckenridge, CO; grandson, Dylan; sister, Nancy (Milan) Shipka, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Preceded in death by his three year old son, Michael, on February 17, 1980.

Greg grew up in Richfield, MN living a "sandlot" childhood filled with happy, carefree days...and lots of baseball. He played baseball and football at Richfield High School, graduating in 1965. He graduated from the University of Minnesota where he continued to play baseball and was a letter winner in 1967, 1968 and 1969.

He had a career in the financial services industry where he found purpose in helping many people plan for their futures. Greg was very principled and forthright in his beliefs and cared deeply for his family and close friends. He was a loving, involved father and found new joy in his one year old grandson, Dylan. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading, playing cribbage and especially golf.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 11am on Monday, October 7, 2024 at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church, Bloomington. Visitation prior to service at 10am.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
9900 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55420

Memorial Service

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HC

“ Sometime in the 1990’s Dad and I started meeting at the White Castle on south Lyndale early Friday morning to play cribbage. Later on my brother joined us. We would see Greg down on the end doing all the puzzles in the paper. One day he approached us and said Hey you guys need a fourth player. We said absolutely please join us. We played ever after that every Friday morning barring illness, travel and Covid. I enjoyed Greg’s stories and valued his wisdom and advice. His love for his family was obvious. I am thankful he’s been a part of Dad’s and my life all these years and will miss him.

Heather Compton - October 07, 2024 at 05:38 PM

BB

“ Sympathies to Greg’s family. He was a great teammate on our Richfield 1965 State Baseball Championship team. Lots of fond memories of our high school years.

Barry Bishop

Barry Bishop - October 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

PH

“ I have warm memories of four Gopher baseball years with our co-captain and leader Greg, as well as upbeat conversation with him at our reunions in recent years. Condolences to Karen and family. It’s unfortunate that Dylan won’t get to experience what a wonderful grandfather Greg would have been for him in the coming years.

Pete Hepokoski
Gophers student manager

Pete Hepokoski - October 05, 2024 at 05:11 PM

RR

“ Greg was a great competitor and teammate. I really enjoyed our Gopher road trips where he would talk to me about country music. I wasn't a fan at the time but I became one because of him. As time went on I became personal friends with two country stars and I blame Greg for that. Let's hope he is with his friend Mel Tillis and he is enjoying that country steel sound he always talked about. We are going to miss you Was!!

Russ

Russ Rolandson - October 05, 2024 at 04:27 PM

JA

“ 4 years of Gopher baseball made for many not-to-be-forgotten memories. Greg was an outstanding player and teammate, Jack Palmer go gophers

Jack - October 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

BF

“ I will miss seeing him every week to pick up his Barrons. He would always sit and chat a while. He loved telling stories and I loved hearing them.

Barb Foley, Edward Jones

Barb Foley - October 05, 2024 at 02:42 PM

BM

Greg was a special guy, a great ball player with a tremendous arm from center field and a dependable hitter. It's amazing that the people with whom we are closest to, since college days, are the teammates from our college days. Greg and I traded e mails about politics and sports almost weekly. He was my financial advisor when I moved back to Minnesota, and I assure you he did a great job. We attended the same Church and lived near each other. Karen, we all feel your loss and offer our deepest sympathies and prayers.

Bob Micheletti - October 05, 2024 at 07:10 PM

SJ

Over the years we had a few occasions to see Greg and Karen at various family functions and I ALWAYS enjoyed his stories and opinions about sports and politics. What a great and down to earth man he was! We offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences on your loss Karen and will include all of you in our prayers. Steve and Marty Jacobson

Steve Jacobson - October 07, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DS

I was fortunate to be able to watch Greg play baseball at Richfield and for the Gophers as he was 2 years older than me. He was responsible for me going into the insurance business. Karen, so sorry for your loss as he will surely be missed by everyone.

Don Shellum - October 11, 2024 at 11:35 AM

FD

It just occurred to me to Google Greg's name and so I came across his death notice and obituary. I played baseball with Greg from the time I was 10 and chose by his father to be on his Little League team until he graduated from Richfield Senior High School in 1965. I caught him many times, but, alas, was not good enough to be more than a backup for the 1965 State Champion Baseball team, for which he was one of the three major pitchers as well as an excellent batter. Fixed in my memory is his hitting a home run or something, probably during the summer of 65 on the American Legion team. Then Richfield fielded two teams, more or less A and B; I was on the B team, he on the A team. I was catching when he hit the ball. Fond memories of 1950s and 60s suburban America. The smile in his picture brings back those times.

Fred Damon - August 11, 2025 at 11:13 AM