



Mr. Harold William Biel

July 11, 1945 - July 3, 2021

Harold William Biel was born on July 11, 1945 in St. Paul, MN to Harold C.E. and Marie (Hartig) Biel. Hal grew up in Spring Valley, MN, where he graduated in 1963. He then attended Rochester Junior College, where he met his wife of nearly 57 years, Cheryl Ann Brumm. After mastering Bulgarian at Syracuse University in NY, Hal served in the US Air Force for 4 years as a Linguistics Specialist. Hal graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1969 with a degree in Accounting. He then became a CPA and began his career at Arthur Anderson, Inc. After leaving public accounting, Hal worked as a controller at Ellerbe, Inc. and Zero-Max. He then began his own financial consulting company (A&E Management, Inc.) which primarily worked with smaller architectural and engineering companies.

Hal's favorite title was "Papa" and described grand parenting as "God's gift for not killing your children." His favorite pastime was traveling throughout the world. This was spurred on after living in Turkey for 1 ½ years while in the Air Force. In 2009, Hal & Cheryl spent 3 months visiting 13 countries while visiting several missionaries in Kenya, Egypt, Ukraine and the Philippines. Hal did all the planning and booking (which took him longer than the trip itself.) The last trip on his bucket list was to return to Eastern Europe with his grandson, Jacob, this fall.

Hal loved Jesus and has been an active member of St. Paul's Evangelical

Lutheran Church on 1901 Portland Ave. So, Minneapolis, MN since 1982.
Family is asking that memorials be directed to St. Paul's Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Elsa, and nephew, David Wilkie, and his cranky old dog, Oscar.

Hal is survived by his wife, Cheryl; son, Anthony Edward (Sally) Biel; and daughter Jennifer Ann (Scott) Kadlec; Seven grandchildren (Adam Biel, Dillon Biel, Burleigh Biel (Sydney), Lexi Johnson (Jordan), Nick Ruhland (Emily), Alyson Ruhland and Jacob Ruhland; 3 great grand children (Isabella Biel, Ryker Johnson and Arya Ruhland - hopefully soon); Many other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Paul's Church. Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Monday, July 12, at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 1901 Portland Ave. S in Mpls, with visitation one hour prior. Visitation will also be held 3-5 PM on Sunday, July 11, at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM.

St. Paul's Ev

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Halvorson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harold William Biel*



Linda Halvorson - July 12, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold William Biel.*



July 11, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold William Biel.*



July 10, 2021 at 11:09 AM

LL

“ I first met Biel, as we called him then, in 1966 at our home in Istanbul, Turkey. My father was teaching at the American College for Girls and had met both Cheryl and Biel at Rochester State Junior College where he may have been their math teacher. I remember Biel as a gentle, intelligent man, always smiling, always warm. My brothers, my sister and I loved the family's visits and my parents were so happy to spend time with fellow Rochesterites that first year as ex-pats. Although he was only 6 years older than I was then, he seemed like such a mature adult, with his family and his impressive work for the Air Force. He and Cheryl showed me the way into adulthood through their example. They made it seem completely possible for me too to become independent. We are all deeply saddened to hear of Hal's passing. We were so looking forward to seeing him at our father's funeral on the 17th but we know he is in the good place with Dad now, telling stories of their time in Turkey.

Laurie Lavine - July 10, 2021 at 08:03 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold William Biel.



July 09, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MB

“ Hi Cheryl, I was reading the obituaries in the Star Tribune and read about your dear Hal. I remember hearing all about him many years ago when we walked around Lake of the Isles almost every day. I'm sorry for your loss. We just left the Kenwood neighborhood in January of 2020 after 52 years in our house. We are now downtown in a condo at 12th and LaSalle, Loring Green East. We like it here, but return to walk LOI often. Thinking of you at this time.
Margit Berg

Margit Berg - July 08, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DS

“ Our family was so truly blessed to get to know Hal, Cheryl and Tony while living in Istanbul in the late 60's. Our connection, not only to “home” was one of family and Hal and Cheryl quickly became a brother and sister to us all. What a beautiful relationship we have enjoyed all these years.

Make a home for us Hal in Heaven and we will join you sometime at God's will. We look forward to experiencing your smile and embrace when that day comes. Love Always to you and the Biel family.

David Silker - July 07, 2021 at 01:10 PM

PR

“ On behalf of a grieving St. Paul's Church, I extend our deepest sympathies to the family. Hal was very special to us, as we know he was to you. May the Lord Jesus comfort you in your loss.

Pastor Russ - July 06, 2021 at 08:04 PM

SC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



St. Paul's Church - July 06, 2021 at 08:01 PM

LH

I met Hal at St. Paul's church. He was a great man of God. I saw Hal and Cheryl on July 1. We had a lot fun. I know he is missed at St. Paul's. I am praying Cheryl, Tony and Jeannie.

Linda Halvorson - July 12, 2021 at 10:37 AM

SF

“ Scott Melby Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harold William Biel



Scott Melby Family - July 06, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Harold William Biel.



July 06, 2021 at 01:27 PM