



Henry Herbert Gyllenblad

October 14, 1935 - April 3, 2023

Henry H. Gyllenblad of Eden Prairie, MN passed away at his home on April 3 at the age of 87. Henry was born on October 14, 1935 in St. Paul, MN to Henry and Helen Gyllenblad. Hank was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a member and usher at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Victoria. As his wife Vivian said- Hank had a pretty great life. Hank loved flying. He mowed yards, shoveled snow, and worked at his family bakery to pay for flight time. He started flying at age 15. At age 17 Henry had his private pilot license and at 19 his commercial pilot license. Hank worked and was mentored at the Brandt Aero Service at Holmen Field through college. While attending Macalester College, Hank started a flying club and taught flying and graduated in 3-1/2 years with a Business Degree. He joined the National Guard from 1953 until 1962. In 1957, Henry was hired at North Central Airlines at 21 years old and was a Captain by age 22. Hank was a MAC Council Chairman and retired from Northwest Airlines as the #2 pilot in seniority with 38 years and over 37,000 hours of flying time. Hank was a Past Potentate for Zuhrah Shrine Temple, a Master Mason, a Jester, Legion of Honor member, and 33 Degree recipient for Scottish Rite. Hank was preceded by wife, Nancy Gyllenblad; sister, Gail Wright; brother John Gyllenblad. Survived by wife, Vivian Alexander; daughter, Kristi Gyllenblad; son, Kevin (Christine) Gyllenblad; grandchildren, Stephanie and Austin Honn, Eric and Nicholas Gyllenblad; sister, Beverly Mundt. Hank was also loved by Vivian's daughters and husbands, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Visitation

and Services will be Friday, April 21, 2023 at Minneapolis Scottish Rite 2011 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis. Visitation 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Masonic Service 1:00 followed by Church Service. In lieu of flowers; please consider the Shriner's Hospital Twin Cities or Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. "To fly west, my friend, is a flight we all must take for a final check." Author unknown.