



## Mr. Herbert Bruce Polachek

August 1, 1932 - December 30, 2023

Herbert Bruce Polachek

Age 91, Golden Valley, MN. Herb suffered a series of falls in October requiring extended hospital and rehabilitation care and was transferred to hospice care in December where he died peacefully on December 30, 2023.

Born Aug 1, 1932, in Elmwood Park, IL. Preceded in death by parents, Henry and Beatrice (Grant) Polachek, brothers Wilbur and Cora (Swanson), Ralph and Jean (Percy) and wife Anne (Bowers) of 63 years. Survived by sons Bruce (Diane) Polachek and Daniel (Heying) Polachek; grandchildren Zach, Stephanie, Matthew, Emily, Erica, and Daniel H. Polachek, and 8 great grandchildren.

At age 12, Herb's family moved to Winona, MN and he graduated with honors in 1950 from Winona High School. He was a member of a State Championship varsity Baseball team, Football and Basketball teams. He was also an Eagle Scout.

Herb attended Hamline University and the University of MN, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1956. He worked for Magley Tusler Architects in Mpls and then moved to Green Bay, WI, where he was an Associate at Berners Schober and Kilp Architects for 18 years. He was an active member of the NE WI Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and was instrumental in discovering and documenting historic buildings in the area, which were reconstructed to form the Heritage Hill State Historic Park in Green Bay.

In 1974 he and Anne returned to Mpls where Herb became the Director of Design for Dayton's Commercial Interiors. He led a team that restored the Historic Forum Cafeteria in Mpls and established corporate interior furniture standards for many of Minnesota's Fortune 500 Companies. He finished his career at age 70 after working for CDP and then Wagers, selling commercial office furniture. He also helped found and support Anne's business selling furniture, draperies and upholstery.

Herb served on the Golden Valley Planning Commission for 22 years, taught and mentored interior design students at local colleges and served on numerous local foundation boards.

Herb loved golfing and fishing and traveling the world with Anne, relatives, and friends. Together they toured 72 countries and 6 continents. They also spent a lot of time with their grandchildren.

Our families (Bruce and Daniel), children and grandchildren will surely miss him and want to thank all his friends for all the joy and happiness they brought to Herb and Anne throughout their lives. Rest in Peace.

Memorials preferred to Winona Area Public Schools. Memorial Service Saturday 2/3 at 11:00 AM, with visitation one hour prior to service at:

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

5125 W. Broadway, Crystal

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Memorial Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Reception

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember celebrating Thanksgiving with Uncle Herb and Aunt Anne. Their home was always welcoming and filled with laughter and love on this day. I also remember the many ornaments they would give my sisters and I from their many travels. I still have most of them and will always remember Uncle Herb with love when hanging them in the tree. Prayers to Bruce and Dan and their families for peace in the days to come. Megan

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**Megan Muellner** - January 16, 2024 at 11:15 AM

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I had the pleasure of meeting Herb, his Son Dan and his wife Echo in August 2023. Im dating Herbs nephew Dave Polachek. I have to say after a few hours conversation Herb has blessed me with his conversation and presence. What a sharp, fun loving man to get to know. He left me with such sweet kind words stating “You have a very sweet personality and beautiful smile” Well Herb I’ve been blessed to have met you ....a rare gem ❤️ Prayers for your Sons and their families

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**Laurie Jenkinson** - January 23, 2024 at 10:23 AM