



Holger Klock Christiansen

September 28, 1926 - December 14, 2023

Holger K. Christiansen was born in 1926 in Slayton, the small Minnesota town that he would call home until he was in his mid-thirties. His father, John Christiansen, was a Danish immigrant who founded a successful dairy and other businesses. Holger graduated from Slayton High School and then served in the United States Navy at the end of World War II. After the war, he graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He married Dagny Fjelstad and they returned to Slayton, where Holger worked with his father and brother in the dairy business and raised his family. With four children and one on the way in late 1962, Holger returned to school, earning his MBA from the University of Minnesota. Dagny taught school in a nearby town to support the family.

In the fall of 1963 the family moved from Slayton to Shoreview, and Holger accepted a position in the athletic department at the U of M. He held various positions within the athletic department until he retired as the Interim Director. He loved his Gophers and held season tickets for football, hockey and basketball for 60 years. In retirement, Holger and Dagny spent much of their time at their lake cabin near St. Cloud. Holger became active in the Twin Cities Senior Tennis Association and built a tennis court at the lake cabin.

Holger was predeceased by his parents, four siblings and his wife Dagny. He is survived by his five children, Jon (Nancy) Christiansen, Jay (Kelly Gulden)

Christiansen, Paul "Otteau" (Carol Gallagher) Christiansen, Ruth Christiansen, Erick (Sandy) Christiansen, numerous nieces and nephews and countless Norwegian in-laws. He and Dagny had nine grandchildren, Emily (David) Glendinning, Marie (Kurt) Suesse, Max (Kristina) Christiansen, Tyler (Eleanor) Christiansen, Carrie (Peter) Binnie, Jayne Christiansen, Elisa Simmons, Maxfield Christiansen and Alexandra (Hazen Roller-Olson) and ten great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55433 at 11AM, with a visitation beginning at 10AM on Thursday, December 21, 2023. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids
11115 Hanson Blvd. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Church Service

DEC **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our families have so many great memories of Holger and Dagny. We are very sad to hear the news of Holger’s passing, yet we can’t help smiling at each and every memory we have. We spent much time together here on Big Fish Lake: pontoon rides, dinners at Fisher’s, croquet lawn games, tennis, bridge games, and lots of dress-up parties. Personal favorites include Holger and Dagny singing, in perfect harmony, “Red Hot Mama”! We have a special debt to Holger and Dagny for spending hours teaching our then teenage son and his friend how to play bridge.

May his memory be a blessing to his family, as it certainly is to us.

The Eich-DesJardins family

Linda and Joe DesJardins - December 16, 2023 at 05:23 PM