



J. Howard Tamminen

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Age 78, died peacefully on Feb. 28, 2014 at Crystal Care nursing home. He was born and raised in Cherry, MN after which he attended Suomi College in Hancock, MI and the Uof M-Duluth to finish his degree in secondary education. He began teaching at Hazel Park Junior High in St. Paul and, after a 12-year interim in church work, he returned to St. Paul schools to teach in various capacities followed by directing the School-Within-a-School program at Central H.S.

From 1960–1972 he served as Director of Christian Education at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church in St. Paul and Holy Trinity Lutheran in Mpls. In 1979 he moved to Marquette, MI to become the principal of a county-wide alternative high school. Before retiring he served 3 years as assistant principal at Marquette Senior High. In 1998 he and his wife moved to Cornucopia, WI, returning to the Twin Cities in 2012.

All his life Howard was active in the church and especially enjoyed his years of camping, guitar playing and leading canoe trips with young people and his family. Music played a major role in his life and he was a member of church and community choirs for many years. Other interests were fishing, reading and sports.

He is survived by Beatrice, wife of 58 years, daughters Diane (Paul) Amundson , Carolyn (Bob) Kluk, Janice (Tim Freeman), Shirley (Steve) Kriegel, sons Gary and Brian (Mary Ann), sisters Sandra (Harry) Giltz and

Lois (Tom) Long and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Preceded in death by parents Einar and Bertha Tamminen, son Kenneth Edward, grandchildren Rachel Tamminen and Erin, Andrea and Robert Kluk. Visitation 5-7 PM Friday, March 7 at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway, Crystal. Funeral service at 4 PM Saturday, March 8, First Lutheran of Crystal, 7709 62nd Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN with visitation at 3 PM. Memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church or Crystal Care Center.

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Bea and Family, Almost every time I pass the Methodist Church where Howard led the awesome Alternative High School programs, I think of you all and the things we did there. I admired Howard's (can't call him John;-) philosophy about "our" students and the way he also nurtured those of us on staff. He set an awesome example for us.

I am thinking of you and share your loss, and I'm sure there are MANY who are feeling this loss. Please accept my sympathy. Jane Ryan, in Marquette

Jane Ryan - March 06, 2014 at 02:36 PM

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R.I.P Howard thanks for believing in me!!! As a bi county graduate im proud to have known you!!

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