



James Jeffery Steffens

November 1, 1942 - February 14, 2023

Steffens, James J. age 80, of Minneapolis, formerly of Ridgeway, WI passed away peacefully on February 14, 2023. Jim is survived by children Erica (Chris) Mason, Linnea (Mark) Burman, Dylan Steffens and their mother, Esther Steffens; grandchildren, Quinn and Annika Burman; and partner, Marsha Siik. Jim was born in Lakewood, OH in 1942 to Elmer and Eleanor Steffens. He graduated from Conestoga High School in Berwyn, PA where he was a student leader. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Amherst College and a PhD in Chemistry from MIT. He completed post-doctorate work at Penn State University. His career as a biochemist brought the family to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, and Delaware. Following his career, he retired in Wisconsin where he enjoyed his bountiful vegetable garden, native prairie garden and time along Lake Superior. Jim was passionate about the environment and loved hiking, especially in the Sierra Nevadas. He held leadership positions in the Sierra Club and several Unitarian Congregations. Jim enjoyed birding and entomology and his lifelong collection of beetles now resides at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. He loved learning languages and was fluent in French and German. He had a lifelong love of music and played the piano, dulcimer and mandolin. Jim had a great appreciation for food and wine and loved traveling, especially to France. The father of three, he enjoyed family camping trips and was passionate about coaching youth soccer. He was a loving Father, Grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed. Family and friends are invited to join a Celebration of Life on

Saturday, February 25th at the Bakken Museum, 3537 Zenith Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55416. There will be a visitation for 30 minutes prior to the memorial service, which will begin at 4:30 PM. Private Interment. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association. washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418