



John Graham Colwell

July 22, 1932 - April 4, 2021

Colwell, John Graham Age 88 of Golden Valley, John passed away peacefully on Easter, April 4, 2021 at NC Little Hospice of Edina. John graduated from Blake School and Carleton College. Upon graduating, John entered the Army and was stationed at Fort Belvoir in Virginia. After his military service, John entered the family printing business, Colwell Press (Colwell Industries), where he worked his entire career, ultimately retiring as Executive Vice President and Vice Chairman. John served on numerous Boards, including Children's Hospital, Viking Council (Boy Scouts), VocalEssence, and Golden Valley Historical Society. In addition, he served on multiple printing industry association boards and regularly attended Breakfast Club. He was also a longtime member of Plymouth Congregational Church, The Minikahda Club, and Alexandria Golf Club. John loved to spend summer weekends at the cabin in Alexandria, where he fished, played golf, and entertained friends and family. He also loved the annual August tradition of traveling to Montana, where he would fly fish the famous Gallatin River and pose as tour guide for excursions to Yellowstone Park. John was preceded in death by his parents, Felton and Helen, along with his sister, Cynthia. He is survived by his wife (Joan) of 64 years and three children, Kip (Kathy), Meg, Robert, and four grandchildren, Brian, Emily, Graham, and Jimmy, as well as several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brothers Thomas (Phyllis) and David. The family would like to give special thanks to the caregivers at Sunrise of Edina, Fairview Southdale, and NC Little. Due to COVID restrictions, a private

service for family will be conducted at Washburn-McReavy in Edina.
Memorials can be given to VocalEssence, Children's Hospital, NC Little
Hospice, or donors choice. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-
3996

Tribute Wall



“ *John was a gracious, thoughtful and joyful volunteer and board member of the Golden Valley Historical Society. He will be sorely missed in our community. Cathy Waldhauser*

Cathy Waldhauser - April 16, 2021 at 01:23 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of John Graham Colwell.*



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