



John Joseph Flood

July 12, 1928 - October 11, 2016

John Joseph Flood Age 88 of Roseville Died October 11, 2016 Preceded in death by parents John and Margaret, sister Mary Strandberg. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Ruth; children John, Tom, Mary (Steve Edling) Flood, Katie (Tom) Dunn and Joan Flood; his loved grandchildren, Sam Dunn, Danny Schwarze, Rachel Flood, Hannah Schwarze, Maggie Dunn, Matt Dunn, Paul Dunn, Connor Edling, Riley Edling, and Jack Flood. Jack was an English teacher and counselor at Fridley High School for over 35 years. He was ordained a deacon in 1986 and served his parish, St Odilia with love and fervor. John was always quite the orator. Whether it was Shakespeare or the Gospel, his voice commanded the moment, his inflection amplified and diminished words in perfect measure and cadence. Words mattered to John, they were the music of enlightenment and his greatest goal was to impart this understanding to his students and children so they could know and respect their power. He spoke intelligently, without guile or unfounded innuendo and often did so by a disarming and infectious sense of humor. He once recited Macbeth to his sophomore English class with a Swedish accent. He engaged the world in a greater conversation to build the Kingdom of Heaven, simply and in each moment. He had the uncanny knack of recognizing another's potential even when they, themselves, could not, and patiently worked with them as they developed it. Ignorance was understood only in the past tense, in hindsight as a means to measure growth all the while celebrating new evolution. He gave people his time, never hurried and patient as brought them

into the Body of Christ, through study, the sacraments and inspiring homilies. He loved his family and appreciated the beauty in their diversity and Irish roots. As a stalwart servant of Christ and his Church, we are sure his dedication continues in heaven as a beacon to us all. Please join us at a Visitation from 4-7 pm Thursday October 13 at St. Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 N Victoria, Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial 11 am Friday October 14 (visitation begins at 10:00 am) also at St Odilia. Private Internment. Memorials preferred.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Dear Ruth and Family, Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to you in John's passing. May all the years of memories you had together as a family be of comfort to you in the days ahead. Our love, Jim and Eleanore Tormoen

Jim and Eleanore Tormoen - October 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Ruth, We are so sorry to hear of John's passing. The two of you were very important to us in our early years of marriage. We felt so honored being a part of the Early Married Ministry, witnessing Jack's ordination, and having him baptize three of our four children. Blessings to you and your family. Steve and Bridget

Steve and Bridget Christianson - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Jack was one of the most important people in my life and I will be forever in his debt. He was a mentor, a teacher and, ultimately, a friend. Whatever I became, he shares to some extent the credit or the blame. Words were large part of our bond. Ironically, words fail me now. Though I doubt it, I hope there is a heaven, just so he can go there.

Louis F. Linden - October 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ We are so honored to have known Deacon Jack. He was a true gentleman and an inspiration to us. We will miss his stories. We met Jack and Ruth at St. O's and they guided and supported us through the RCIA process. Jack married us and strengthened us on our journey of faith. We love him so. And you as well, Ruth. Thank you. We are grateful he is with the Lord continuing to guide us.

Chris and Allan Lambrecht - October 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jack, you'll be sorely missed by many people. Look upon us with that nice smile, and just remember: You won't have to memorize the entire Passion any more!

Mark and Mary Holmes - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. John was such wonderful caring man. He married Ron and I 28years ago 10/8/88. He will be dearly missed

Lori - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Mary-sending our deepest sympathies and love your way. Hugs to you and your family❤️

Brandon & Stephanie Whittaker - October 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM