



John Francis Friel

July 28, 1938 - December 7, 2020

Friel, John F. Age 82 of Bloomington, died Dec 7th, 2020. Preceded in death by his parents Hannah and John; brothers William (Pat) and Richard. Survived by beloved wife Kari, of 54 years; children, Kari Trostad (Brad),, Ingrid Friel (Mike Atkinson), John (Patty) Friel, Ken Friel (Ally Beckman); brother, Hugh (Dorothy); sister-in-law, Shannon Friel; 8 grandchildren and 18 nieces and nephews. John was born in Brooklyn, New York to Irish immigrants, married Kari in Norway in 1966, and relocated to Minnesota in 1976. John prided himself in being an IBM'er for 30+ years. His colleagues & team became lifelong friends. He and Kari had fond memories of the IBM award trips. In retirement, his favorite trips included the affordable travel club, wintering in Florida, visiting relatives in Ireland, a trip with friends to Thailand, and taking the entire family on the Hurtigruten cruise up the coast of Norway. He enjoyed running, golf, tennis, tutoring math, genealogy research, hosting family and friends, good debates and a few libations. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren; strengthening bonds over the years. He had a smile that welcomed and warmed those around him. John was a devoted parishioner of St. Edward's Catholic Church. Funeral and celebration of life will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Parkinson's foundation or the Catholic Tutor Corps. Sláinte!" and Skål!
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