



John Robert Harness

March 2, 1949 - December 31, 2022

Harness, John "Jack" Robert died on December 31, 2022, the result of a cardiac arrest ten days earlier. He was seventy-three. Jack is survived by his wife of forty years, Kathryn Palmer, his two beloved daughters, Emma Harness (Kumar Balasubrahmanyam) and Elizabeth Pietrini (Tim), and two granddaughters, Marion and Emilia Pietrini. His parents, Margaret "Peggy" and Robert Harness, predeceased him decades ago. A lifelong resident of South Minneapolis, Jack graduated from Roosevelt High School and the Minneapolis College of Art and Design with a specialty in environmental design. A modern Renaissance man, Jack was known for his musical talent - he sang, played piano, guitar and the bagpipes - his pottery, carpentry and design skills. Everyone in his life has something Jack made or built, from shelving, furniture, stoneware and holiday wreaths to fences, backyard buildings, porches and home additions, all done with his signature high level of craft and meticulous attention to detail. He donated his time to create sets for Southwest High School theater productions and homes in impoverished areas of Kentucky. He loved the North woods and spent time there throughout his life - he had a special place in his heart for the BWCA and Wilderness Canoe Base, where he designed and built yurts, among other projects. A gentle, soulful man with a Scottish wry sense of humor, he loved cooking and baking and fine Scotch. Jack lived a life of creative solutions and plans, kind deeds, and wise words. He was a devoted husband and father, well-loved and deeply grieved. A service will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at Edina

Community Lutheran Church, 4113 West 54th Street, Edina, Minnesota, 55424. Visitation begins at 10:00 a.m. and the service at 11:00. A live stream will be available at [eclc.org/...](http://eclc.org/) In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Wilderness Canoe Base or Devin Smith Scholarship Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Church Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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