



## John Mathew Hermes

February 2, 1941 - May 1, 2024

John Mathew Hermes, age 83, of Minnetonka, passed away May 1, 2024, with his adoring wife, Debby, by his side.

John was born February 2, 1941, to Robert and Clara (Eicher) Hermes in St. Paul, MN. He attended Alexander Ramsey High School in Roseville where he met, Deborah, his future bride, during his senior year. Debby (a sophomore) was roller skating with friends one evening and John and his friend offered to drive them home from the roller rink. Debby got in the back seat with John and thought he was really cute. It was their first meeting and Debby will tell you it was love at first sight and they've been together ever since.

John enlisted in the United States Army after high school and served 2 years of active duty in Germany. He remained in the Army Reserves for 4 years after returning home. Debby and John corresponded continuously while John was gone and they saw each other whenever they could. They were finally married on September 28th, 1963, and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year.

John and Debby were blessed with two wonderful children, son David and daughter, Sarah. Early on they lived in St. Paul while John worked in the family floral business. After the kids were born, John and his brother, Bob, ended up purchasing their own greenhouse in Eden Prairie and John moved

his family there so he could run the business. It turned out to be a great place to raise a family and David and Sarah loved it.

John worked 7 days a week and was very proud of his roses and was well known for their exceptional quality. Any bit of free time he had was spent entirely with Debby and the kids. Debby would have the car packed and ready to go when John got off work so they could all enjoy a picnic or a trip to the lake where they would go fishing or swimming. John even taught Debby to water ski even though Debby couldn't swim. The bottom line is that family was incredibly important to John. David and Sarah thought he was the best Dad ever!

John is survived by his wife, Deborah (Debby), son David (Danna), daughter Sarah, granddaughter, Eve, brother Bob (Molly), sisters Betty and Barb, and sisters in law, Cleyo (Warren) and Vicki (Paul).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Clara, and brothers in law, Jim and Skip.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:30 am on Friday, May 10, 2024, at St. Therese Catholic Church, 18323 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven, MN 55391 with Fr. Leonard Andrie presiding. Visitation will be held before the service starting at 10:00 am. A luncheon will follow the service. Private interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery will follow at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Love Dan and Misty Rumble purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Mathew Hermes.



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**Love Dan and Misty Rumble** - May 08, 2024 at 07:41 PM

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“ John Gordon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Mathew Hermes.

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**John Gordon** - May 07, 2024 at 12:41 PM

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“ John Gordon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of John Mathew Hermes.



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