



## Mr. John Bernard Mestad

March 19, 1953 - November 11, 2018

Mestad, John B. age 65, passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, November 11, 2018 in his Minnetonka home. He was born in 1953, in Wisconsin, to Robert and Jacqueline (Carlson) Mestad. A graduate of Rochester Mayo High School, he earned a BA in Humanities, and years later a BS in Mechanical Engineering, both from the University of MN. As the Employee Concerns Manager for nuclear power plants, John developed a program of national repute during his 30+ years with Xcel Energy. John's first career was as a theatrical lighting designer working for Nancy Hauser Dance Company, Chanhassen Dinner Theater, and touring dance companies. God was a guiding force in John's life, and John found great meaning in his couples' bible study group and men's breakfast group. Above all, John was a provider and especially grateful for his blessings. He was also analytical, enthusiastic, and patient. John loved reading, theater, dancing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, home improvement projects, discussing politics and history, and spending time with family and friends. John is preceded in death by parents Jacqueline and Robert, also brother-in-law Blake Joyner. He is survived by wife Heather (Joyner), son Raymond, daughters Olivia and Veronica, and many loved ones. Service on Friday, November 30, at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church - 5025 KNOX AVE S, MINNEAPOLIS. Visitation at 10am, Service at 11am, and Reception following. Memorials to Cathedral of the Pines Camp Scholarships and Camp Wapo Lutheran Bible Camp Scholarships. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Minneapolis - Knox Avenue)  
5025 Knox Avenue S  
Minneapolis, MN 55419

## Memorial Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

“ John was in my 8th grade English Class at Central High in Rochester, Mn.

*Our first few days of that class :*

*At the end of each day - the english teacher would verbally give the class her homework assignment :*

*John would SLOWLY walk to the pencil sharpener, wait for the teacher to begin dictating the lesson - and then begin sharpening his pencil.*

*The sharpener was VERY squeaky and loud and made it impossible to hear the teacher's message.*

*The teacher would ask John to "please sit down and wait to sharpen your pencil - until I am finished giving the assignment".*

*John retort : "How can I do that, if my pencil doesn't have a point and I can't write your assignment down?"*

*This scene repeated itself for days . . . every day, John would wait for the teacher's announcement and then slowly head for the sharpener and when challenged, repeat his sound reasoning for sharpening.*

*After maybe three days - as the teacher began her assignment, John blatantly took his pencil in hand and SNAPPED THE POINT OFF on his desk and slowly headed for the sharpener ...*

*That's when the teacher ended John's repeat performance and threatened him with a visit to the Vice Principal's office.*

*I always enjoyed John's humor and observations on many topics.  
He was a funny,  
gifted guy.*

*~ Bob McCoy*

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**Robert McCoy** - November 29, 2018 at 03:10 PM

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“ *To Heather and the family: We're so sorry to hear of your loss. As you share with family and friends - may the cherished memories stir a smile and peace in your heart. - Nadene (Wennerstrom) Eller and Family.*

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**Nadene Eller** - November 29, 2018 at 01:47 PM

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“ *Heather and family, So sorry for your loss. May God blanket you in comfort and His peace during this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Suzanne Hanson  
(MGLC)*

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**Suzanne Hanson** - November 22, 2018 at 07:45 AM