



John "Mike" Richardson

October 10, 1944 - June 3, 2021

Richardson, John Michael "Mike" Age 76, of Golden Valley, died on June 3, 2021. Mike is survived by his wife, Kate, his son, Teddy (Alexandra), and two grandchildren, Will and Eliza, as well as his sister, Nancy Richardson. Born in Brooklyn, New York, Mike grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Southwest High School. Mike then served three years in the U.S. Army as a Persian linguist attached to the National Security Agency. After graduating from the University of Minnesota and subsequently Drake University Law School, he worked as an attorney in the Legal Department of IDS. Mike joined the Hennepin County Attorney's Office as an Assistant County Attorney in 1975. He moved to the Criminal Appeals Section in 1982, where he stayed until his retirement in 2018. He had many interests -- windsurfing, fishing, an active gym routine and anything by Bob Dylan are just a few. He was most at peace while listening to his comprehensive jazz and blues collection or when immersed in a well-written crime novel. A quick-witted storyteller when the opportunity presented itself, Mike also treasured spending time with family and friends. Known as Mike, Dad or Papa, he was loved and will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at 10 am on Tuesday, June 22, at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Breck School, 123 Ottawa Ave. N., Golden Valley, MN 55422. Memorial donations may be made to: (1) The Conservation Fund conservationfund.org or (2) Fisher House Foundation (provides homes where military & veteran families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital) fisherhouse.org. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

The Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Breck School
123 Ottawa Ave N
Golden Valley, MN 55422

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest sympathies to Mike's family on his passing. While I have worked in the County Attorney's Office for 30 years, I only had an opportunity to meet and work with Mike when we were both law clerk coordinators for our respective divisions. We sat on a number of interview panels interviewing law students for summer clerk positions. Mike had a genuine interest in all of the students and always went off script to ask a personal question based on something he saw on a resume. His question always threw the student for a loop but also relaxed them and got them to share a personal comment or interest . Mike always made an instant connection with the students and would share his own knowledge on the subject no matter how unique or bizarre. I always would wonder to myself "How does he know that?" Mike was a genuine human being who "called him as he saw them." Mike leaves a legacy of public service that is truly remarkable. He will be greatly missed.
Susan Hanstad

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