



## John Thomas Ronan

August 13, 1936 - January 21, 2024

John Thomas Ronan, age 87, passed away on January 21, 2024, at St Mary's Hospital in Rochester Minnesota.

John was born on August 13, 1936, the son of Thomas Ronan and Mary (Daley) Ronan. He was raised on the family farm in Enterprise, Minnesota, attended a one room schoolhouse and graduated from Lewiston High School, where as a 125lbs football player he was known as "toughie". He continued his education attending St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Upon graduation he went on to obtain a master's degree in education from the University of Minnesota. He became an educator teaching English and Reading at the Middle and High School level in Elkton, Stewartville, Duluth, and Hopkins, Minnesota until his retirement in 1992. He was a long-time resident of Hopkins Minnesota, most recently residing at Chapelview Apartments.

John met Annette Pretzer in Austin, Minnesota where they both taught in nearby school districts. John and Annette were united in marriage in June of 1960. John and Annette were proud educators always in search of knowledge, they enjoyed family camping trips, riding their tandem bicycle, and in their later years enjoyed spending time with their grandchildren.

John was preceded in death by sisters, Carol Ronan, Georgia (Crampton),

Rose (Halpern), Margeurite (Haas), Mary (Kohner); and infant brother, Tommy Ronan. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Annette; two sons, Thomas of St. Louis, Missouri, and Michael of Sac City, Iowa; as well as three grandchildren, Carli, Sam, and Ricky Hanson of Duluth, Minnesota.

John's funeral will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 11 AM, at Peace United Church of Christ in Rochester, Minnesota, with Pastor Paul Bauch presiding. Friends and family may call one hour before the service and lunch will be served after the service. Interment will follow the luncheon at approximately 1:30 PM at the Millville Cemetery in Millville, Minnesota.