



John Alvin Westman

January 28, 1927 - May 16, 2020

John A. Westman

Born January 28, 1927; eldest son of Dr. L.V. and Ethel Anderson Westman. Died Saturday May 16th, four days' shy of his 71st wedding anniversary, with his beloved wife Norma at his bedside. In addition to his wife, he is survived by children and children-in-law: Mark (Christopher Duff); Cindy (Gregory Fries); Gary (Nancy Palmer Westman); and Steven (LeAnn Sundhagen Westman). Survived by grandchildren: Daniel Fries (Cassie); Michael Fries (Julianne); Christine Fries Dierks (Cody); Nora Westman; and Brianne Westman. Two step-grandchildren (Cody and Lauren Christensen) and four great-grandchildren. Also survived by his younger brother Loren Westman and sister-in-law Patricia Westman; four nieces and three nephews. Internment Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

In his youth, John enjoyed many weeks in the summertime staying with his Swedish-immigrant, maternal grandparents on their farm in Cambridge. Time spent on the farm first piqued his interest in horticulture. He was a proud graduate of the former Minneapolis Central High School. Upon graduating in his 'war' class, he enlisted in the US Navy and served for the duration of the Second World War. After release from his service he enrolled at the University of Minnesota to study horticulture. Wishing to be a florist as an occupation, he was advised that the best means of learning was to work for a florist. John had a friend who knew members of the Bachman family, and it was during the five years he was an employee of Bachman's that he learned the floral

business. He opened Westman's Floral in St. Louis Park in 1952 and operated for more than 30 years; in the late 1960's he opened Westdale Florists and Greenhouses in Minnetonka. John was an avid golf player; and he had a special group of friends with whom he fished and hunted game for decades. He was a kind man who through his business helped people in times of great joy and of deep sadness. He believed that hard work was its own reward, and foremost, held his family in unconditional love.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with John's family. It was a pleasure getting to know him. I miss my daily visits with him and Norma as they would sit on the bench by the reception desk every afternoon before going in for dinner. They have been missed.* ”

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