



## Joseph Joachim Stepka

August 16, 1929 - August 11, 2024

Stepka, Joe J. age 94, of Shoreview passed away August 11th, 2024. Proceeded in death by both parents, two sisters and son Timmy. Survived by the love of his life of 72 years, Bev; Son Mike (Grace) and family; Daughter Kathie (Wayne) and family; grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral service Tuesday September 3rd at 11am. St. Joseph of the Lakes. 171 Elm St, Lino Lakes, MN 55104. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorials preferred to the donor's favorite charity. Internment at a later date at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Is this the Mr. Stepka who taught art at Fairiew Junior H.S. in Roseville MN during 1958-60's?*

*If so, let me say that I am so sad to hear of his passing. He was my favorite teacher! He was extremely encouraging to me as a junior high student. He seem to recognize talent in me at a time when I needed it. I was very shy, but art gave me a life--- a degree at the UofM, a career in graphic design, success, and so much pleasure designing book covers, logos, posters, and more. I have never forgotten his advice when I would face that blank sheet of drawing paper--frozen with fear to start--he'd tell me "just plunge right into it!" I did so thousands of times and each time I thought of Mr. Stepka!  
Bless him!*

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**Sheila Chin Morris** - August 21, 2024 at 03:29 PM