



Joseph M. Tambornino

January 5, 1958 - January 31, 2026

Tambornino, Joseph Michael, 68, born January 5, 1958. Died January 31, 2026 in the presence of his loving family. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Joseph M. Tambornino.

Joe would greet you with a melodious hello and a twinkle in his eye that reflected his deep curiosity of life, literature, the arts, and the people around him. As Gustav Mahler once said, "If a composer could say what he had to say in words he would not bother trying to say it in music." Joe moved fluently between both worlds.

He is survived by his beloved wife Deborah Voigt, his cherished children, son Antonio Tambornino and daughter Genevieve Tambornino, mother Cynthia Tambornino, siblings Charles Tambornino, Judy Tambornino (Mike Cassidy), Mary O'Hora (Jim O'Hora), David Tambornino, Jane Bryant (Dan Bryant), Kitty Oates (Victor Oates), aunts, uncle, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Predeceased by his father, Dr. Joseph M. Tambornino MD, and brother Gregory R. Tambornino.

Born in Mountain Home, Idaho, Joseph was raised in Edina, Minnesota alongside his seven siblings. He graduated from Edina High School, attended

the Juilliard School of Music during his undergraduate studies, and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Minnesota, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He went on to receive his MA and PhD in English Literature from the University of Minnesota and later earned an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley.

Joseph lived in the Bay Area for over 30 years with his family before returning to Minnesota in 2022. His career in commercial real estate took him to Chicago, California, and Indiana. He also taught for Kaplan Education and served as a Project Manager for the City of Oakland. His professional singing career included the San Francisco Opera Chorus, San Francisco Symphony, San Francisco Cathedral, and recently the Basilica of St. Mary's Choir and Minnesota Chorale. A master of trivia, he was once a contestant on Jeopardy!

To spend five minutes with Joe was to experience someone deeply thoughtful and considerate. He was truly one of a kind, often evoking a simpler, more cultured era. Quick with a song and a smile, he could disarm and put at ease any room he entered. His passions were rooted in classical music, piano, singing, literature, science, and history. There was seemingly nothing he hadn't read, studied, listened to, or sung. He loved to cook, to travel, to bike, to ski, to ice skate, and he never missed an occasion to host a gathering. He will be remembered for his sartorial splendor, his impeccable manners, his delightful wit, his joie de vivre, and most of all his fierce love for Debbie and his children.

Our husband, father, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin, and friend was deeply loved and will be forever missed.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for Joseph in the spring. Memorials preferred and may be directed to the Basilica of St. Mary's Choir or Minnesota Chorale.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always be thankful for all the music we shared in my voice studio and his priceless “I’m Reviewing the Situation” from Oliver in our Recital.

David Jorlett - May 13 at 04:35 PM