



Lance John Raygor

December 29, 1941 - January 17, 2026

Lance John Raygor,

age 84, after battling heart and kidney failure, was peacefully taken home on January 17, 2026.

Lance was born in Winona, MN on December 29, 1941, and raised in Saint Paul. After he graduated from Murray High in 1959, he joined the US Navy and later, after an honorable discharge, enlisted in the US Army. He was a proud service member and remained a devoted patriot until his passing.

Lance worked as a broadcast engineer for the U of M for 30 years. He had 3 children with his first wife Dona and 2 stepdaughters with his wife Marcy.

Lance lost his son Gary in 1982, and this loss was a grief he carried quietly; however, he credits this with shaping his personal faith and his love for Jesus. Lance's 4 daughters blessed him with 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Lance loved his family and held many cherished memories of family get-togethers with his many nieces and nephews, including many chaotic Thanksgiving dinners. Where his heart truly lay, however, was in music and singing for family, friends, his church, or anyone who would listen. We can

rejoice that Lance is finally singing for his beloved Savior, at last in his heavenly home.

Lance is preceded in death by his parents Otha L. and Laura L. Raygor, son Gary, daughter Natalie, son-in-law Kent, son-in-law Rick, brother Virgil and sister-in-law Beverly, and sister Marilyn.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years Marcy, daughters Laurie and Brenda (Justin), stepdaughter Valarie, grandchildren Desiree, Crystal (Nick), Jon (Katie), Jared (Emily), Michael (Michelle), Kenzie (Eric), and Lexie, as well as his great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A service to honor Lance will take place at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel, 2610 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis, on Friday, February 6, 2026, with visitation at 1:00 PM followed by a service at 2:00 PM.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Chapel Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Deb, Kim and Mark purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Lance John Raygor.*



Deb, Kim and Mark - February 04 at 05:52 PM

LB

“ *Laurie and Brenda purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lance John Raygor.*



Laurie and Brenda - February 04 at 05:47 PM

RK

“ From Robin K



Lance was my Sponsor in Alanon for the past 9 years. He helped me more than I can even express. I am grateful for his friendship. He was like an older brother to me. He introduced me to Opaige where he and I both visited hospice patients living at Presbyterian homes. He was a godly man who knew Jesus as his Lord and Savior. His witness went with him wherever he went. He boldly shared his faith. We enjoyed many times together discussing both Alanon and the Bible. His legacy lives on. He led Bible studies in his apartment building and enjoyed sharing about them, especially those by Dr. David Jeremiah. He shared with a number of us a daily devotion via text. It is rare one can say that knowing this person changed my life but this is true with Lance. He impacted many lives. I am grateful to have known him.

Robin Kirk - January 29 at 10:20 PM