



Larry Earle Teien

August 1, 1936 - January 18, 2023

Larry E. Teien, (86), from Greenfield, MN, passed away from complications of frontotemporal dementia on January 18, 2023.

Larry was born to Earle and LuCetta Teien on August 1, 1936 in Belgrade, Minnesota. He graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1954 and worked on the school newspaper just like his father did 30 years earlier. He was editor of the Mac Weekly newspaper at Macalester College and graduated in 1958 with a degree in journalism. In 1967, he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a master's degree in communication research and business administration. Larry served one year in the Air National Guard as a clerk typist.

After his schooling was complete, Larry worked in public relations at various corporations. Throughout his career he served a term as president of the Minnesota Public Relations Association as well as a chairman of the Hennepin County committee that oversees University of Minnesota public services.

Aside from his pride for being a newspaper man, Larry had many interests. He was a world traveler and visited all states except Alaska. He was a ham radio operator and had talked with someone from all continents including Antarctica. His other passions included: history, Tom Clancy books, the Minnesota

Vikings, U of M Gophers in football and basketball, the Minnesota Lynx, landscape and lawn care, astronomy, airplanes, geography and of course, weather. Larry and Marlene enjoyed volunteering at the Bloomington Book 'Em book sale, Salvation Army, Fare for All, and the Japanese Garden at the Como Zoo. He loved being a grandpa and became a marching band groupie following his granddaughters to nearly every performance including Chicago and St. Louis, MO.

Larry is survived by daughters Kari Pontinen (Gary) and Juli Teien. He is also survived by granddaughters Heidi Pontinen and Jill Pontinen, brothers Keith Teien (Juanice) and Dennis Teien (Jacquie), and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife Marlene and parents, Earle and LuCetta. There will be a private service and burial at Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

Cemetery Details

Acacia Park Cemetery

2151 Pilot Knob Road
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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