



Lyle H Bigwood

March 16, 2016

Bigwood, Lyle H. age 83, of Minneapolis, MN, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at his home. Lyle was born on January 28, 1933 in St. Thomas, ND the son of William and Alta (Young) Bigwood. He was raised and educated near St. Thomas in a one room schoolhouse and graduated from the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. After dancing his way into her life with a paper corsage and a roguish smile, he married the love of his life, Audrey Brandvold, on March 28, 1958 at United Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, ND. In 1959 they moved to the Twin Cities where Lyle worked at Montgomery Wards, then moved on to Farnham's, Northwestern Refining and ultimately retired from Ashland Oil. Lyle was preceded in death by his son Bradley; parents William and Alta; brothers William, Robert, James, Paul and Archie; and sister Jean Haaven. He is survived by his loving wife Audrey; sons Douglas (Deb), Paul (Megan) and Todd; his brother Roy; sisters Margaret Smith, Marion Higgins and Betty Wolfgram; grandchildren Jessica, Connor, Thomas and Josephine. Lyle was an active member and believer in the philosophies of freemasonry, giving generously of his time and abilities to fraternal pursuits. He received his Fourteenth, Eighteenth, Thirtieth and Thirty-Second degrees in 1968. Lyle was invested with the 32nd Degree, Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on October 19, 1981. He was Coroneted a 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary on December 14, 1991. He joined the St. George Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in December of 2000. Served as Venerable Master of the Consistory from 1983-1985, was awarded

the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar June 28, 2014. He was also a member of Zuhrah Shrine Temple. At the time of his passing, he was serving as President of the Minneapolis Scottish Rite Foundation. Active in the Sons of Norway, Lyle never let his lighthearted disdain for Norway get in the way of a good Ole and Lena joke. He enjoyed bowling, golf, travel, and a rousing political argument. Lyle loved reading Western novels and playing cribbage with Audrey, to whom he frequently lost. Lyle was a tall drink of water who was quick with a corny joke and loved his family more than anything. He was truly one of a kind. Funeral service 11 AM Tuesday, March 29 with visitation one hour prior at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Mpls. Visitation 5-8 PM Monday, March 28 at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy. 100

Tribute Wall

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“ Rick & Susan Bigwood, Alan & Sue Bigwood purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lyle H Bigwood.



Rick & Susan Bigwood, Alan & Sue Bigwood - March 28, 2016 at 09:33 AM

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“ Lyle was a wonderful neighbor and friend to most anyone who came in contact with him. His warm and dynamic personality was so engaging that you couldn't help but smile, or even choke with laughter, at his kidding around and other funny antics. He was "Pa" in "Little House on the Prairie"--helpful to all, and totally dedicated to his family. There was no better man. We will miss him, but never forget him.
Julie and Gale Mellum

julie mellum - March 28, 2016 at 08:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lyle H Bigwood.



March 26, 2016 at 06:29 PM

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“ Verna Severson and family purchased the Cheryl's Classic Bakery Tower for the family of Lyle H Bigwood.



Verna Severson and family - March 24, 2016 at 02:00 PM