



Lyman John Demaray

October 26, 1940 - July 24, 2025

Lyman Demaray, 84, passed away peacefully at home on July 24th after a brief but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on October 26, 1940, in Mankato, Minnesota, to George and Elizabeth Demaray, Lyman carried with him the values of hard work, humility, and kindness throughout his life. After graduating from Mankato State, he moved to Minneapolis. In 1963, he enlisted in the Army National Guard, serving until 1969. That same year, he began his career at IDS, American Express, and IBM, until his retirement at age 58.

It was in Minneapolis that Lyman met the love of his life, Judi. The two were married in 1967 and built their life together in Bloomington, where they raised their two children and became deeply involved in the community.

Lyman dedicated his time and energy to causes and organizations close to his heart, including the YMCA, Project Success, and the Born Again Jocks (BAJs). For over 40 years, he faithfully served as treasurer at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, a role he carried out with care and integrity.

A lifelong Minnesota sports fan, Lyman had a special passion for the Golden Gophers and always found the bright side of every season. He loved playing sports as much as he loved watching them-golfing, backyard baseball and

shooting hoops with his grandson Evan, and playing softball until the age of 80. Family vacations often revolved around fast-pitch softball tournaments, and Lyman was always in the heart of the action-coaching third base on Kelly's softball teams, supporting Mark's DJ business, and proudly cheering at Evan's many Shakopee Sabers games.

More than anything, Lyman cherished time spent with his family. Whether traveling, gathering around the dinner table, or simply sitting in the bleachers at a game, he was present - steady, loving, and endlessly supportive.

Lyman's life was defined not by titles or accolades, but by the relationships he nurtured, the example he set, and the joy he brought to those around him. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Lyman is survived by his wife of 58 years, Judi; daughter Kelly (Patrick) Sampson; son Mark (Jennifer); and grandson Evan. He is also survived by his sisters Georgia (Gene) Uhlenhopp and Kandi Demaray; and many beloved in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Lyman's life will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 9100 Russell Ave S, Bloomington MN 55431.

Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m., with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

To honor Lyman's devotion to Minnesota sports, the family encourages attendees to wear Maroon & Gold or other Minnesota team colors.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lyman's memory to the YMCA of the North or Hillcrest United Methodist Church.

For those who cannot attend the service in person, but wishes to celebrate Lyman's life please feel free to join one of the livestreams:

<https://www.youtube.com/@hillcrestumc2114>

<https://www.facebook.com/hillcrestmethodistchurch>

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of sitting next to Lyman at the Gopher football games since 2016. Enjoyed getting to know him & his family. He had the best football comments during the game but I was most impressed with how he treated his family. He was so patient with little Evan when he attended his very first game & eventually they would read the stats of the players together. He added so much more to the game & will truly be missed. I put a roster list in his cup holder for this first game not knowing he was gone. I am grateful for the fun memories of the games with him & so glad I got to know this very special man.

Our sincere condolences to the family.

Stacy & Bob Rowbal



Stacy Rowbal - August 31, 2025 at 11:28 AM

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Thank you so much for the kind words Stacy! He really enjoyed sitting by you guys at the games! Thanks for the roster - i know he would look high and low for them each game

Kelly Demaray Sampson - September 02, 2025 at 04:46 PM