



Martin E Opem

May 2, 2017

Opem, Martin E. of Big Lake twp, formerly of New Hope passed away May 2, 2017 at the age of 73. Martin is survived by his loving wife Johnelle of 52 years. They met at Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD. They were married August 14, 1965. Martin is lovingly remembered by his children, Jacqueline and Martin (Tiffany); brother Robert (Gayly) Opem; grandchildren Trey, John and Katie Braunwarth, Brittany Opem, Rebecca (Jacob) Vander Weit, Benjamin Opem, Jeff, Brandon and Mathew Cox and many nieces and nephews. Martin is preceded in death by his parents; and brother Father Anthony Opem. Martin was born in Vancouver, WA on Feb 14, 1944. He graduated from Central High of Aberdeen, SD in 1962. Martin enrolled in the US Navy October 19, 1963 and served 7 1/2 years active duty. He later joined the Naval reserves and was appointed to the rate of Master Chief Machinist's Mate in 1994 and retired in November 1996. Martin went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from the College of Education at The University of MN in 1980 and a Master of Business Administration from The College of St. Thomas in 1990. He worked at and retired from NSP/Xcel Energy working for corporate as well as in plant operations. Martin served as the Mayor of New Hope, MN from 2004 2008. The visitation will be held at Washburn-McReavy, Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, 5125 W. Broadway, Crystal 55428 on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 4-7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the Catholic Community of St. Joseph, 8701 36th Ave. N., New Hope 55427 on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM, visitation will be 1 hour prior of the service with

Father Terry Rasmussen officiating. Interment to follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55450. Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643