



## Matthew Conrad Dion

September 12, 1949 - June 27, 2022

Matthew Conrad Dion, 72, of Shoreview, Minnesota, passed on to the next world in the comfort of his home in the early morning of June 27, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents Pastor William Seward and Anne Elizabeth Dion of Longmont, CO, his in-laws Theodore Obert and Dorothy Luverne Anderson of Mitchell, SD, and his brother-in-law Lee Anderson of Mitchell, SD. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife of 51 years, Patti Dion, and their children Sara Dion, Abbi Dion (Joshua Rosenzweig), and Emilie Hunt (Bryon Hunt); his grandchildren Samuel, Linnea, Charlie, and Sofie; his siblings Kristin Boyd, Andre (Kim) Dion, Corinne (Erik) Gosswiller, Noelle (Bill) Gordon, and Gabrielle (Peter) Dion-Kindem; his sister-in-law Anne Anderson (William Skarie); his Aunt Ruth Flom, and many beloved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins, and dear friends. A funeral service will be held at 11AM on Wednesday, July 6 at Incarnation Lutheran Church in Shoreview, MN with a visitation at 10AM. A visitation will be held from 5-7PM on Tuesday, July 5 at Holcomb Henry Boom Purcell Funeral Home in Shoreview.

Matt was fondly regarded by many of the students he served during his long career as an Admissions Director at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and remained close with friends from St. Olaf College where he met his wife. He was an ever-curious, jazz-loving, book-reading, salvation-seeking Rusynophile who practiced generosity, humor, and unconditional love throughout his life. He will be missed more than words can express.

We invite you to make a donation to the Dorothy Day Center (Catholic Charities, Twin Cities) in his honor, where Matt and Patti were long-time volunteers. Donations can be made here <https://www.cctwincities.org/donate/donate-now/> in Memory Of Matthew Dion. Please read something you enjoy, visit an obscure roadside attraction, and play your favorite Bill Evans song or Gregorian chant in honor of Matt.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to your family during this difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

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**Deb Resch** - July 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing you peace during this difficult time.* ”

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**Kim Flanders** - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ How shocking that Matt has left us. I don't think anyone else did more to keep me on the path to my degree. Matt was my advisor in the honors office. It was he who admitted me to honors. He urged me to reduce my extracurricular activities and focus on my studies. I gave up student government on Matt's advice. Today I wince when my own students are involved in that because I can see from what Matt pointed out how it disaffects their studies. Matt was very opinionated about the courses on offer. The other advisor openly played favorites among the students, and I never felt comfortable discussing my studies with him. Matt was not like that. I always felt I could confide in him and he would give me solid advice.

By the time I graduated, Matt was the director of admissions, and I never saw him again. I'm not sure how surprised he would have been that I went on to get an MA (also from U of M) and a Ph.D. at MIT. Although my contact with Matt was only in the early years of my undergraduate education, I could hear his advice in my head during graduate school, and it helped keep me going.

A personal message to which of the children supplied the artwork Matt had in his office at CLA honors: He was very proud of it, and all who visited him noticed it.

Peace to his survivors and to his memory.

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Tony L. Hill - July 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM