



## Matti Juhani Liiste

February 28, 1944 - April 9, 2025

Matti "Matt" Liiste was born in Finland on February 28, 1944, and passed away unexpectedly on April 9, 2025, at 81. Matt's life was defined by boundless love, heartfelt generosity, and unwavering devotion to family and friends. Matt leaves behind his loving wife Ritva "Tina", son Stefan (Katie), and precious grandchildren, Joseph, Jack, Maria, Megan, and Luke.

The joy of his life began when he married his beloved Ritva, with whom he celebrated nearly 58 years of marriage. Together, they built a life characterized by mutual support and love, founding a successful industrial automation distribution company and nurturing it until they decided to embrace retirement. Matt and Ritva exemplified the true essence of partnership, and the joys of parenthood and grandparenting further strengthened their bond.

A devoted father and grandfather, Matt cherished conversations and family time together. He found immense joy in becoming a grandfather, joyfully enriching the lives of his grandchildren with warm hugs and unconditional love. Their lives were immeasurably enriched by his steady presence, compassionate heart, and steadfast wisdom.

Matt and Ritva worshipped at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, whose worship service and choirs brought Matt great joy. Additionally, the couple found

fulfillment in their volunteer service to Union Gospel Mission, reflecting their commitment to actively live their faith by showing love. Matt's passion for Ritva's culinary creations, alongside his delight for Minnesota Gopher basketball and hockey, filled retirement with simple pleasures and deep contentment.

Funeral services honoring the life of Matt Liiste will be on Wednesday, June 25, at Washburn-McReavy Chapel, located at 515 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview, MN 55126. Visitation begins at 10:30 am, followed by the service at 11 am, with a luncheon afterward. A private interment for immediate family members will occur at Fort Snelling.

In closing, Matt's life embodied this cherished scripture, Proverbs 4:23:

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel  
515 Highway 96 West  
Shoreview, MN 55126

## Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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## Reception

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Matti Juhani Liiste.

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