



Michael Jerome Best

May 13, 1937 - December 6, 2024

Michael J. Best, 87, of Chaska, passed away peacefully on December 6th, 2024.

Preceded in death by his wife, Judy and oldest son, Mark. He served in the US Air Force and along with his later-to-be wife Judy Best, opened Methodist Hospital in 1959. He worked several years until his family grew to 4 sons. During that time he became a realtor and eventually ended up working for Remax Results in Eden Prairie, from which he retired after 100+ years (it seems).

Mike is survived by sons, Paul (Stacey), David (Cheryl), Daniel; daughter-in-law, Lenise; and 7 grandchildren: Matthew, Nicholas, Peter, Jacob, Savannah, Emily and Gabrielle.

Mike touched the lives of many throughout his career as a realtor, member of the church, and just being a good friend and neighbor. His eternal optimism was infectious. It was common to ask "How's it going Mike?" and get a response of "If I was any better, it would be illegal".

Memorial services will take place 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 12th, 2024 at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. A light lunch will follow the service. The burial at Lakewood

Cemetery will be immediate family only.

The family would also like to dedicate this memorial to his wife and our mother Judy Best who missed out on a celebration because of the pandemic restrictions in 2020. We love you and miss you Mom/Grandma/Tweety....

In Lieu of flowers the family requests memorial gifts be made to: Moravian Care Foundation, 501 Oak Street N, Chaska MN 55318-2072

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Chapel Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Graveside Service

DEC 12. 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

HP

“ We were office roommates more than 25 years sharing the ups & downs of business & life. He always had a smile & a joke at the ready. Will miss you Mike.

Hank Peterson - December 12, 2024 at 01:22 AM

VW

“ Always met Mike at the mailbox. He watched for the mail every day and walked to get it with a joke waiting to tell me. I'll miss ya buddy.

Victoria Williams - December 11, 2024 at 05:19 PM

BF

“ I knew Michael for over 40 years. First as a manager at Edina Realty and then at RE/MAX Results. I have never met a kinder man. He always had something nice to say and was a joy to be around. He will be profoundly missed.

Bev Fiedler

Beverly A. Fiedler - December 11, 2024 at 09:46 AM

RF

“ *Michael was the man - a real gentleman and true reality professional. The first house Michael ever sold as a realtor was to Gerri and I - a starter home in Golden Valley. The second house Michael sold to me was in Eden Prairie and we became neighbors (about a block away). We got to know Mike and Judy well and their boys and our boys got along famously. The third house Mike sold to me was an earth home in Shakopee.*

It was always a pleasure to work with and be with Mike. Always positive and upbeat. A great person to be around and have as a friend. RIP Michael. Condolences to the family.

Roger and Gerri Fischer

Roger Fischer - December 09, 2024 at 11:49 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the album Mike Best*



David Best - December 09, 2024 at 10:41 PM

AB

“ *Hello Best family! I will never forget the first time I met "Empa" it was at 324 Pleasant street the music was blasting "Who let the dogs out" and he came out of his car dancing up to the porch. I also, enjoyed our conversations over breakfast on Sundays at the American Legion. In addition, Mike also supported me on my first house purchase. So kind and fun. Take Care!*

Anne Brett - December 09, 2024 at 10:07 PM