



Ned Waldman

December 15, 2011

Waldman, Ned Jeremiah Age 78, of Birchwood, WI (Formerly Hopkins, MN) Passed away on December 13th surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his biological mother, Baylee Bookman-Waldman; his biological father, Moe Waldman; his aunt & uncle, Millie and Norman Stillman who adopted Ned at the age of 6; Adele Molitor who cared for Ned from his birth until age 6 and his brother, Neal Waldman. Ned is survived by his wife, Darcel Ann McDonald; his daughter, Bettina Hirsch; his son, Brett and daughter-in-law, Sheila Waldman; his sister, Beverly Stillman; his brothers, Norton and Jerry and sister-in-law, Marilyn Stillman and sister-in-law, Veronica Escala-Waldman; his grandchildren, Steven Tristan and Nicole, Jeremiah, David and Karla Hirsch along with many nieces, nephews and cousins including Naomi Segal- Maul. Ned attended Washburn High School in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Journalism degree. He served in the US Army for four years. Ned was a passionate and successful businessman. In 1962 he co-founded The Bookmen, the Midwest's largest book distributor until it was sold in 2002, with his brother and co-founder, Norton Stillman. In 1978 Ned founded Waldman House Press, where he took great joy in publishing titles such as the National Best Seller, "A Cup of Christmas Tea", written by Tom Hegg and illustrated by Warren Hanson and a series of books about a little bear named PEEF. Brett Waldman & his wife, Sheila continue to carry on Ned's Waldman House Press legacy as an imprint of Tristan Publishing. Ned's love, passion and generosity were recognized by

everyone who had the honor of knowing him. A heartfelt thanks is extended from Ned's family to the caregivers at Thomas Landing in Rice Lake where Ned spent the last years of his life. The funeral will be held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 1:30 P.M. AT ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION MINNETONKA (10500 Hillside Lane West, Minnetonka, 55305). In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Ronald McDonald House, the National Association of Crohn's Disease or the charity of choice are requested. Shiva will be held at the home of Brett & Sheila Waldman, 2731 Kipling Ave. South, St. Louis Park, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Saturday, December 17th and Sunday, December 18th. Arrangements by Adath Jeshurun Chevra Chavod Hamet & Washburn McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996.

Tribute Wall

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