



## Nels A. Gronquist

August 6, 2017

Gronquist, Nels A. age 97 of Mpls., formerly of Scandia, on Aug. 6, 2017. Nels immigrated from Sweden in 1950, met his wife Hazel and had an amazing, full life. Nels was an entrepreneur, a singer, trumpet player, and a figure skater. Prior to the US, he served in the Swedish Navy. He owned an insulation firm, Insul Inc. A skilled craftsman, he built five homes. Nels was active in Swedish-American affairs and Knighted by the King of Sweden in 1974. He touched countless lives through his business, music and cross-cultural activities with the American Swedish Institute. Nels and Hazel were members of Bethlehem Baptist for many years where Nels sang in the choir. Post retirement, Nels stayed active, traveling the world, leading a quartet and volunteering with his church and historical museums. In 1998, he opened a coffee shop, "Coffee Heaven on 97". Preceded in death by Hazel in 2004, Nels will be missed by loving children, daughter Kristina Gronquist, sons Karl, Gary, and Guy (Jennifer). 5 grandchildren, Sofia, Pearl, Grant, Jesse and Ruby. Sister Arla Johnson, Nephew Lennart Moberg, other loving relatives and friends in the US and Sweden. Memorials preferred to the American Swedish Institute. Celebration of life service 11AM, Sat. Aug 12 with visitation 1 hr prior to service at: Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave NE, Mpls.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Other comments can be posted on the Star and Tribune website.  
<http://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/211312/?fullname=nels-a-gronquist>

*A heartfelt "Thank you" to all who supported me unconditionally as I grieved and planned my father's service. My father and I were extremely close and I knew him, his values and preferences very well. He was my #1 fan and is deeply missed. Thank you to Washburn-McReavy for helping me plan a beautiful service that respected his wishes and honored him. Love and Peace to ALL.*

*Daughter, Kristina M. Gronquist*

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**Kristina Gronquist** - September 16, 2017 at 11:57 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Nels passing. Never met a more caring man in my life. Working for Nels was a blessing for me as I learned so much. I am sure he is very happy to be reunited with Hazel. Please give my thoughts to everyone as I am out of town and unable to make the service. Jim Halek

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**Jim Halek** - August 10, 2017 at 08:04 AM