



Paul Richard Kempainen

April 16, 1947 - December 13, 2019

Kempainen, Paul R. 72, of Minneapolis passed away on December 13, 2019 at the VA Medical Center after living with Parkinsonism and Lewy Body Disease for several years. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Betty, sister Jean, and nephew Joel. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, his daughters Meghan (David), Caitlin, and Emily (Zach), grandchildren Emmarlyn, Phineas, Elena and Willa, brothers Stephen, John Patrick, James, and Peter, sister Anne and many nieces and nephews. Paul graduated from St. Thomas University in 1969 and from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1975. He lived a life of service, retiring as a Colonel in the United States Army Reserve and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Minnesota. Some of his proudest moments in life included arguing a case in the U.S. Supreme Court, his two tours of duty in Afghanistan, and his induction into the OCS Hall of Fame. In addition to his commitment to work, Paul was an avid runner, military history enthusiast, and author of a book about his family's Finnish roots. He will be deeply missed. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 18 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Washburn-McReavy Nokomis Park Chapel. A funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Minneapolis on Thursday, December 19 at 11:00 A.M. with a visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M. and a luncheon to follow. Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred and will be distributed to Veteran's organizations. Washburn-McReavy.com Nokomis Park Chapel 612-721-1651 1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Nokomis Park Chapel
1838 E. Minnehaha Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55407
(612) 721-1651
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
5426 12th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
5426 12th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Graveside Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ I was in Paul's fraternity at St. Thomas (Inns of Court) and he was a wonderful person to meet in college to talk about serious issues and also enjoy college life. I particularly remembering his kindness in being invited to the family home for a great home cooked meal followed by watching his brother Jim's football game where the Iowa Hawkeye band gave a half time show. I saw him on periodic reunion trips to the Twin Cities and know he will be missed by many. My sympathies to all in the family.

*Ed Gallagher, St. Thomas Class of 1971
Waterloo, IA*

Edward Gallagher - December 18, 2019 at 01:11 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Kempainen.*



December 17, 2019 at 11:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Kempainen.*



December 17, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Paul Richard Kempainen.



December 16, 2019 at 10:19 PM