



## Ralph Stevens Nordquist

October 14, 1932 - December 27, 2025

Please click this link to view the live stream of the service: [grace.live/memorial](https://grace.live/memorial)

Please click this link to view his memorial video: <https://mnggracechurch.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/production/IQAfDtIRbQ3TSoqENw90RsWPAYzun1i7j8trvWfRYmW0S1A?e=uKVJTY>

Ralph Stevens Nordquist, born October 14, 1932, in Minnetonka, died peacefully surrounded by his family on December 27, 2025. Ralph is survived by his wife Carol (Gauderman), his children Heather (Nathan) Greenwalt, Andy (Amy), and Laura (Steve) Pavlicek, his grandchildren Noah, Noelle, Nora, Madeleine, Simeon, Elliot, Abigail, Annabelle, Ethan, and Alexander, and sister Charlotte Chuckwuk. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Helene Nordquist, his sister Jean Mickelson, and nephew Ralph Mickelson.

His family was richly blessed by his faith and devotion to Jesus Christ. Ralph graduated from Hopkins High School, then enrolled at Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC and earned a degree in music. Later, he attended Northwestern and Bethel Universities for pastoral education. He was a youth pastor at Judson Baptist Church in Chicago, worked at Victory Bible Camp in Alaska, and was a director at Camp Shamineau for several years. His home church was Minnetonka Community. Later, he served on the Mission Board

and was involved with Pioneer Boys and Boys Brigade at Wooddale Church, and for many years attended their Saturday morning Men's Bible Study. He continued his love for music by singing with the Wooddale Watchman, the Minneapolis Commodores, and the choir at Grace Church.

Ralph was an outdoor enthusiast and enjoyed camping, canoeing, fishing, and deer hunting with friends and family in the Boundary Waters area until two years ago. He was an avid gardener and planted and maintained a garden for over 55 years. Most of his life he was a roofer, remodeler, and contractor, and also worked on a variety of other projects.

He was immensely proud of his children, their spouses, and his ten grandchildren who brought him great joy. Funeral services to honor Ralph will be held at Grace Church, 9301 Eden Prairie Rd, Eden Prairie, MN on Saturday, January 10 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. The service will also be livestreamed by Grace Church. Funeral arrangements handled by Washburn-McReavy. Memorials preferred to Camp Shamineau.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Church (Eden Prairie)  
9301 Eden Prairie Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Church (Eden Prairie)  
9301 Eden Prairie Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ Jeff Verdoorn purchased the Sweet Comfort Gift Crate for the family of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.



Jeff Verdoorn - January 10 at 05:28 PM

JV

“ Jeff Verdoorn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.

Jeff Verdoorn - January 10 at 05:28 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.



January 09 at 07:44 PM

HR

“ Heartfelt sympathy, Rayna and Renee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.

Heartfelt sympathy, Rayna and Renee - January 09 at 07:44 PM

KL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kevin Lindquist - January 09 at 06:42 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kevin Lindquist - January 09 at 06:41 PM

JR

“ Jerilyn Rethemeier purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.



Jerilyn Rethemeier - January 08 at 01:36 PM

JR

“ Jerilyn Rethemeier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.

Jerilyn Rethemeier - January 08 at 01:36 PM

SO

“ Susan O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.

Susan O. - January 07 at 07:04 PM

PZ

“ Pat, Lisa, Isabelle and Liam Zampogna purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.



Pat, Lisa, Isabelle and Liam Zampogna - January 06 at 10:09 PM

JR

“ Ralph was a faithful servant of the Lord. He will be missed greatly. It was quite awhile ago, but one Christmas he was back at the farm near Grace City, ND. He put on a red nose that light up and pretended he was Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

Jerilyn Rethemeier - January 05 at 11:00 AM

DS

“ Within this past year, Ralph called me from out of the blue to check to see if we were OK after a particularly severe storm had gone through the area where we live. We have also shared our cancer experiences. I have considered him a good friend/brother for the 5+ years that I knew him. -Dave S.

David Swanson - January 03 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Unity hospital Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Stevens Nordquist.*



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**Unity hospital Family** - January 03 at 12:57 PM