



Ralph Stanley Volkman

October 23, 1932 - August 13, 2024

Ralph Stanley Volkman, 91, born to Alma and Stanley Ralph Volkman in 1932, left his earthly body to be reunited with the love of his life, Betty Lou (Gothier) Volkman on August 13, 2024. Together they raised eight children in Columbia Heights: Cheryl (Scott) Knight, Alan Volkman, Stan (Lori) Volkman, Lynn (Jay) Kittelson, Joe (Mary) Volkman, Brian (Kris) Volkman, Therese Volkman, and Tom (Sande)

Volkman along with 15 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and first great-great grandchild on the way.

Dad said the first day of homeroom in 10th grade, he saw Mom and knew she was the one he would marry. Upon graduation from Columbia Heights High School, they married and had celebrated their 68th anniversary the year Mom died in 2020. They were known for their love of each other, dancing, playing cards, golfing, and enjoying our 92-year-old family property on Ice Cracking Lake in northern Minnesota.

Ralph worked at the Columbia Heights Park Board before becoming the Superintendent of Fridley Public Works until retirement at the age of 60. He also proudly served 20 years as a Columbia Heights volunteer fireman and first responder, retiring as captain.

Since Mom died, Dad loved his time playing cribbage with his boy's, savoring

sweets, and spending time with family, friends, and his beloved dog Ruffles. His knowledge of Northeast Minneapolis and generational family history was extensive and was always willing to share. His sense of humor and his quick wit were going strong until his very last day. We will miss him dearly.

Services to be held at Washburn-McReavy inside Hillside Cemetery, 2600 19th Ave NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418, September 6, 2024. Visitation is at 10:00 am followed by a service at 11:00, and luncheon to follow.

Memorials preferred to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, which builds homes for fire, rescue, and police officers who have been wounded on duty or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
2610 19th Avenue N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Ralph Stanley Volkman.*



September 05, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *117 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Washburn-McReavy - September 05, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *The Hughes Fam -Jana Scott Kevin Kristi purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Ralph Stanley Volkman.*



The Hughes Fam -Jana Scott Kevin Kristi - August 29, 2024 at 01:42 PM

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“ *The Hughes Fam -Jana Scott Kevin Kristi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stanley Volkman.*

The Hughes Fam -Jana Scott Kevin Kristi - August 29, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Stanley Volkman.*



August 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Your Baird Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ralph Stanley Volkman.*

Your Baird Family - August 27, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ *I'll always remember the family picnics at your folks place and their warm hospitality! I'm sorry that I'm not in town to attend the services.*

Mary (Hodgson) Lee

Mary Lee - August 25, 2024 at 03:10 PM