



Ray Edward Nelson, Jr.

March 10, 1944 - July 13, 2022

Ray E. Nelson, Jr. age 78, died on July 13, 2022, in Golden Valley, MN. He was born March 10, 1944, in Philadelphia, PA and graduated in 1962 from Edina-Morningside High School, where he lettered in football and track. He received a BA from the University of Minnesota and Juris Doctor from William Mitchell Law School and practiced law in Richfield, MN until 2014. Ray was most at home on a lake and in the woods where he loved to hunt, canoe, fish or just plain sit with his pipe or chaw of tobacco surrounded by the sounds of nature. In early childhood he loved to explore in the woods behind the family home in Duluth, MN, and as an adult at his beloved cabin on White Pine Lake in northeast Minnesota. His other passion was studying politics, analyzing data long before digital analytics became the rage. He amazed many with his extensive vocabulary. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray E. Nelson, Sr. and Mary Fran Nelson, and is survived by son David Nelson, brother Bruce Nelson (Maria Hennessy), sister Susan Nelson (Gregg Kubera), two nephews and a niece.

Many thanks to Park Nicollet Methodist Hospice and the Sunrise of Golden Valley Care Team for their care and compassion in Ray's final days.

Memorials may be sent to the Sierra Club or Friends of the Boundary Waters. Memorial Service to be held Tuesday, August 30 at 5 PM, with visitation one hour prior at:

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

5000 W 50th & HWY 100

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM (CT)

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