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Rick Bowar died suddenly following an aspiration event on August 3, 2023. He was sustained on life support for two days following inhalation of a peanut butter sandwich. Rick had been in a group home for decades, the longest being Dungarvan in Cottage Grove, MN., for 10 years, where he was the beloved center of affection and caring by the staff. When that group home closed in May of 2023, he moved to another group home in South St. Paul, MN. Rick's life consisted of a daily routine of doing large jigsaw puzzles, simple word games, watching videos and being with his three adult housemates. He had a sizeable collection of baseball hats from multiple teams. His most favorite activity was eating, especially Subway sandwiches. He loved animals, especially dogs.

His sister, Patty, served as his dedicated advocate and legal guardian for many years. A daily call from Patty sustained his family contacts. In years when he was able to move more freely, he would visit Patty and Charlie's

home for a weekend, which he thoroughly enjoyed. Meals out in his favorite places were often shared with Patty, Charlie, and brother Jim. In their younger years, Rick and Jim were often the center of antics in our family home (e.g., competitively tossing donut holes from the breakfast table into the fish tank, pouring a whole box of soap into the wash machine with astounding suds filling the room) all of which were sources of long-living family stories.

He is survived by his older sister, Patricia Munson (Patty), his oldest sister, Susan Bowar-Ferres, who lives in New York and called on special occasions (he would announce "Sue from New York"), his older brother, John Bowar, and younger brother, James (Jim) Bowar, in the Twin City area, His older sister, Kathleen and his parents, Geraldine Lang Bowar and Earl Bowar were deceased many years ago.

A funeral mass will be held Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 10 am at St.. Gabriel's Archangel Catholic Church, 1310 Main St. Hopkins, MN 55343. Burial of his ashes will be private in the plot adjacent to his parents in Excelsior, MN. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the North Shore Animal League America, 25 Davis Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050.

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