



## Richard Dudley Green

October 26, 1934 - January 8, 2025

Richard Dudley Green, 90, of Bloomington, passed away on January 8th 2025.

Richard ("Dick") was born on October 26th 1934 to Charles Dudley Green and Cecile L Green in Grand Rapids Minnesota. Dick graduated from Grand Rapids high school in 1952. He then attended Bemidji State University where he studied Education and Art. After graduation in 1956 he enlisted in the Marines and was stationed in San Diego. He served from 1956- 1958. He then met and married Jan (Janet Olson). He taught high school Art first in Fergus Falls till 1966 and then at Kennedy High School in Bloomington retiring in 1993.

Dick always strived to give his all. This was evidenced in his choice of joining marines, his athletic pursuits and his dedication to teaching and coaching. He participated in and coached a variety of sports including: wrestling, track and field, cross-country running and especially cross country skiing. He collected a plethora of awards. Dick was a lifelong learner. He loved to read and study up on various subjects. His favorites being history and art. Dick was an avid outdoorsman, he loved adventure from an early age exploring the woods around his childhood home. He worked for a time with the fisheries helping to stock lakes. Later, He and Jan had a cabin near Brainerd where he spent time fishing (or catching as he loved to say). Along with cabin time Dick filled his summers with family adventures. These including boundary waters canoeing and family camping trips. Changing from a canvas tent to a tent camper over

the years. His connection with water continued in his family home in Bloomington. The home bordered Nine Mile Creek allowing Dick to volunteer by collecting data on the creek conditions. In retirement he and Jan continued with explorations including Norway, Sweden, Alaska, Hawaii, and England. Art and creativity were at the heart of who Dick was. Over the years he worked with pottery, sculpture, and jewelry making but his passion was transparent water color. He did graduate work at Minneapolis School of Art and Design, University of Minnesota and Moorhead State University. He studied with many great artists, including Charles Reed, Frank Webb, Nita Engle, Robert E Wood, Alvaro Castagnet, Cheng-Kee Chee and John Pike. In addition to teaching at the high school level he also taught art classes at the Bloomington Art Center. He participated in many Juried Art shows and won art awards both locally and nationally. He painted from his personal experiences and emphasized mood and feelings in his works. He once said "Design in nature gives me inspiration that I share with you in my paintings".

Dick was a loving and very involved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Dick is survived by his wife Janet (Jan); his daughter Kris Strand (Scott) and son Kent (Patti Sullivan); grandchildren Aura Gronert (Andrew), Andrew Strand, Jasper Green and Tessah Green; Great grandchildren Topanga Gronert and Trini Gronert; His sister Sharon Westby (Robert); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers.

Family, friends and others whose lives were inspired by Dick are invited to his memorial service on January 28th at 11am with visitation one hour prior at St. Stephen Lutheran church at 8400 France Ave S, Bloomington MN 55431.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Bloomington Fine Arts Council. If you have photos or memories of Dick, please share.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
8400 France Avenue South  
Bloomington, MN 55431

## Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *To Family of Richard Green:*

*"Coach Green" was one of my (and my four brothers') wrestling coaches at Bloomington Kennedy High School in the mid-1970s (and mid-1980s). He was a great coach and a great mentor. In addition to his coaching skills, I recall that he, also, had great physical strength (his forearms and hand grip were like those of a farmer!) - a valuable asset in the sport of wrestling.*

*Please accept my (and all of the Hoffman Family's) sympathy in your loss. I would have liked to have attended his funeral service but did not learn of his passing until just recently. May he rest in peace.*

*With kind regards, Michael Hoffman (JFK '74) and all of the Hoffman Family*

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**Michael Hoffman** - January 30, 2025 at 04:23 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Shelley Padden** - January 19, 2025 at 08:34 AM

SP

“ He wasn't just a teacher, he was a friend. Mr. Green taught me the passion of art in so many different mediums to never forget. I still have dabbled with a pencil here and I here & well this is a doodle that turned out to be the top picture of my wedding invite & I'd like to share it with your family to hopefully bring peace to your hearts. May the Angels sing and God pour his love on your family at the time of your loss. 🎵🎶 Here I Am Lord...



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Shelley Padden - January 19, 2025 at 08:32 AM

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“ I had the privilege of having Mr. Green as my teacher all four years at JFK High School, where I took Art classes from him and served as his teacher's assistant a few times. I adored him and learned so much about art through his guidance. One of my fondest memories is when he taught me jewelry making, especially the lost wax casting technique. From that moment on, jewelry making became my primary artistic focus. I would often beg, plead, and grovel to avoid other forms of art that he assigned us, and he was always kind and understanding, allowing me to pursue my passion for jewelry making.

Mr. Green was not only an incredible teacher but also a kind and patient mentor. Over the years, I have spoken about him to many people in my life, especially when sharing my love for jewelry making as a hobby. His impact on my life and art journey will always hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for being amazing Mr. Green!

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Lisa Leech - January 18, 2025 at 06:44 PM

DH

“ I had Mr Green as an art teacher I couldn't figure out how to draw nose on a picture kept erasing and I went and asked Mr Green about it and he fixed the nose for me also love pottery and Clay too with them rest in peace Mr Green

Dennis Hansen - January 18, 2025 at 02:41 PM

SD

I had Mr.Green as an Art Teacher and Wrestling Coach. I also had the privilege of coaching his son Kent in the Bloomington Wrestling Association program. Great man and family. Sorry I did not see this sooner as I would have attended his funeral. Just read this today when checking in my old coaches. He made a huge difference in many lives. A great man!

Scot Davis - January 23 at 11:47 AM

SD

Actually the name of our wrestling club was the Bloomington Amateur Wrestling Club (BAWC)

Scot Davis - January 23 at 11:51 AM

SD

Other coaches were Dave Arens and Jim Herzog. Those were great memories. And, gave me some great experience and preparation for my eventual long coaching career. Jim Herzog eventually became a Principal and Athletic Director at Owatonna High School and hired me. I spent 25 years as Head Wrestling Coach there. We won State Team Titles in 1998 (Final season ranking of #8 in USA) and 2005 (Large Schools Class AAA final season ranking of #6 in USA) Along with several more State Tourney Teams. My final High school coaching career record is 1205-209-4. All started back in Bloomington. Also, Jim Herzog hired me for my first coaching job while I was still in college at Portland Junior High School back in 1972. Wrestlers from those teams produced some great teams at Kennedy High School under Coach Dave Arens. I got a great jump into my coaching career in Bloomington.

Scot Davis - January 23 at 12:05 PM