



Richard C. Johnson

February 2, 2017

Johnson, Richard C. Age 92 of Mpls., "The Music Man" passed away Feb. 2, 2017 after emergency hip surgery. Best known for leading the band and orchestra programs at Roosevelt High School 1963-1984. Survived by wife Joyce; children Kristi Johnson (Gene Rebeck) and Heidi Stokes (Brad); grandson Christian Stokes, and many nieces and nephews. Dick was the 6th and youngest child born to Lutheran pastor T.A. Johnson and Dena Johnson in Brandon, SD. He served as Radioman aboard the Navy flagship USS Argonne in WWII. He graduated with a double major in history and music from Augustana College in Sioux Falls. There, he met fellow music major Joyce Van Steenwyk in choir who became his wife of 65 years. In the early years he taught and led bands in Rock Valley, IA; Luverne, MN and South High School. He obtained his Master of Music Education at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and worked toward a Ph.D. at the University of North Dakota. In 1974 the Roosevelt Band was nominated, then selected from over 100 bands in North America to participate in the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna, Austria. Their performance ranked among the highest from bands all over the world, and their concert was broadcast on Radio Free Europe. Dick also loved choral directing and was a gifted baritone soloist. He and Joyce traveled all 50 states, Europe, and China. He was a voracious reader, history scholar, and loyal Vikings fan. His quiet strength and artist's heart will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and countless students. Celebration of Life on February 25th, 2:00 at Bethlehem Covenant Church, 3141 43rd Ave.,

S., Mpls. Memorials to Augustana University, Bethlehem Covenant Church.
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“ *Stan Bagbey lit a candle in memory of
Richard C. Johnson*



Stan Bagbey - February 19, 2017 at 10:54 AM



Thank you.

Heidi Stokes - February 20, 2017 at 05:06 AM