



Richard L McKenney

November 9, 1930 - March 24, 2023

McKenney, Richard Leon 'Dick' 92 of St. Anthony passed away peacefully on March 24, 2023, surrounded by love and family. He was born November 9, 1930, in Minneapolis. Dick graduated from the College of St Thomas in Economics. He worked for Farm Bureau Insurance and Western Life Insurance.

Dick married Pat in 1951 and they had 7 children. Pat died unexpectedly in 1964. Dick married Joan in 1965 and they had 3 children. Joan called Dick and Pat's kids her chosen children. Dick loved his family and loved to travel with his family. In 1938 when he was 7, his family drove cross country to Los Angeles, California, visiting the Grand Canyon and Yosemite National Park. He took his family camping and hiking to many National Parks in the Rockies. He climbed Longs Peak 14,236 ft. in Colorado with his children at the age of 41. There were trips to the North Shore of Lake Superior and extended family campouts to many state parks in Minnesota and Iowa. Dick's wife Pat's parents owned a cabin on Clearwater Lake where the family spent time swimming, fishing, boating, playing games, cooking, reading, watching sunsets, and being in nature. He traveled with Joan to Hawaii, France, and England. Joan's parents lived in Iowa so there were many trips to congregate with her extended family.

Richard was an avid reader and lifelong learner, as were his wives and

children. There were always books and trips to the library. There were always lively discussions on every possible topic when family gathered. He also explored philosophy, Catholicism, and other religions. He understood there were multiple ways to God.

Dick had a love of airplanes, riding in a Piper J-3 Cub at the age of 9. At 16 he was taking lessons in order to get his license but didn't complete his pilot's license certification until later, after raising 10 children.

He went on to own six planes and belonged to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), participating in the EAA Young Eagles Program and doing work behind the scenes for the yearly EAA Fly-In Convention in Oshkosh, WI.

Preceded in death by loving wives Pat and Joan, parents Leon and Margaret McKenney, and sister Margaret McKenney. Survived by children: Tom (Jean) McKenney, Mary (Bill) Disch, Rick (Cindy) McKenney, David McKenney, Meg (Neil) Wolfe, Teresa Riley, Anne (Tom) Ouradnik, John (Stephanie Sly) McKenney, Lisa McKenney, Dan McKenney; 21 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, cousin Betty Ann Mares, nephew Pat Grass.

A special thanks to Richard's caregivers, whom he greatly appreciated from Optage Home Care and The Legacy of St Anthony Senior Living and Janice Johnson who showed up several times in Dick's greatest hour of need. Mr. Iowa loves you!

Visitation Friday, March 31 from 4-7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel, 2901 Johnson St NE.

Funeral Mass Saturday, April 1 at 11 AM with Visitation 1 hour prior to Mass at St Odilia Catholic Church, 3495 Victoria St N, Shoreview. Private interment at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Catholic Charities Twin

Cities, 1007 East 14 th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

2101 Lexington Avenue
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northeast Chapel
2901 Johnson Street N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-6828
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Odilia Catholic Church
3495 Victoria St N
Shoreview, MN 55126-3895
(651) 484-6681

Funeral Mass

APR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to Tom & Jean & their families, Terri & Jack Hawthorne*

Terri Hawthorne - March 30, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L McKenney.*



March 29, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L McKenney.*



March 28, 2023 at 03:23 PM