



Richard Bruce Metzger

July 25, 1930 - January 15, 2026

Richard "Dick" Metzger, age 95, of Edina, passed away peacefully on 15 January 2026. He was preceded in death by his parents Hutzel and Betty Metzger, his brother Robert "Bob" Metzger, and his beloved wife of 44 years, Barbara (née Duncan), who passed away in 2007. Dick is survived by his son Duncan, his wife Barb D'Ascenzo-whom he married after Barbara's passing-and his granddaughter Ellen Metzger.

Born in Washington, DC on 25 July 1930, Dick moved to St. Paul at age five when his father became president of the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives. He graduated from St. Paul Central High School in 1948 and the University of Minnesota in 1952, where he lettered in wrestling and captained the cross-country team. After college, Dick served two years in the US Air Force as a security officer before beginning a successful career with 3M in Des Moines, Iowa. It was there he met and married Barbara in 1963.

Later, Dick and Barbara settled in Edina, where he spent over 30 years at Business Incentives (now BI Performance Services), earning top sales honors and traveling world. In his later years, Dick shared a joyful life with Barb D'Ascenzo. He loved listening to her play the piano, spending winters in Naples, Florida, and enjoying an active social life with family and friends. Barb cared for Dick devotedly as his health declined.

Dick will be remembered for his love of the outdoors, his adventurous spirit, and his warmth and humor. He delighted in sailing, boating, flying, and racing sports cars, and his charm and friendliness touched everyone he met.

Private family service. Arrangements entrusted to Washburn-McReavy (Edina). In honor of Dick's life, the family kindly requests donations to the American Heart Association in place of flowers.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Richard Bruce Metzger in memory of Richard Bruce Metzger



Washburn-McReavy - February 25 at 04:33 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Dick Metzger



Duncan Metzger - February 25 at 04:13 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Dick Metzger



Lynne Bucher - February 19 at 12:07 PM

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“Richard Metzger was a generous man who lived and loved well, and truly.

Dick visibly enjoyed life and people; he could light up a room with his good will and humor, and was always ready to share an experience, observation, or story. He was a wonderful husband to Barb, our mother. His admiration, care and love for her were evident and she was deeply in love with him. They were “co-conspirators” in all things, and lucky to have found each other later in life. While fighting to stay active and independent, and in spite of increasing health challenges, he maintained a positive attitude. His zest for life was inspirational. We are grateful for the time we shared with him and the lessons we learned from him; knowing Dick was a pleasure and a privilege. We will always love, remember, and miss him.

Lynne D’Ascenzo Bucher and Gary Bucher

Lynne Bucher - February 19 at 11:50 AM



In Loving Memory of Uncle Richie

Uncle Richie was one of the kindest, funniest, and most joy-filled people I have ever known. He had a way of turning ordinary moments into unforgettable ones, and being around him always felt like stepping into a little more light.

Some of my happiest childhood memories are of him taking me on boat rides across the lakes of Minnesota — speeding over the water, laughing together, feeling completely free. He loved fun, and he loved sharing that fun with others. Whether he was out on the lake, joking on the phone, or dancing with that natural talent he had, he brought an energy that made everything brighter.

He was also the one who taught me how to take better photographs, passing on not just skill but the joy of seeing the world in a more thoughtful, creative way. That was who he was — someone who gave, who shared, who lifted others up simply by being himself.

As my father's younger brother, he held a special place in our family and an even more special place in my heart. I adored him. We laughed together so easily and so often, and those moments of joy are treasures I will carry with me forever.

Uncle Richie enjoyed life fully, joyfully, and generously. I will miss him terribly, but I will remember him with gratitude — for the love, laughter, and unforgettable memories he gave me.

Forever loved. Forever missed.

I will always love and miss you my darling Uncle. I know you are in God's hands. I know your soul is in heaven bringing laughter and joy to all!

Love always your niece Kathy Metzger

Kathy L Metzger - February 12 at 09:20 PM