



## Richard Raymond Mulkern

January 16, 1925 - April 27, 2025

Richard "Dick" Raymond Mulkern, age 100, of Minnetonka, MN, quietly passed away on April 27, 2025. He was born on January 16, 1925, in Minneapolis, MN to Raymond and Alvilda (Seymour) Mulkern. He graduated from South High School in Minneapolis in January 1943. After graduation he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he served as a pilot flying C47 cargo planes in the China Burma India Theater of Operations. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Captain.

In 1948, he graduated from the University of MN with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Cum Laude). In 1949 he received his Master's Degree in Education also from the University of MN. He taught and coached at Detroit Lakes High School and White Bear Lake High School in Minnesota.

In 1962, he was appointed head football, head wrestling, head track coach and professor of Physical Education and Health Education at Hamline University in St. Paul. Later he also served as Athletic Director. A few highlights at Hamline were winning the 1966 MIAC Football Championship, having 34 All-Americans and 12 US National Champions in track. He retired from Hamline in 1991. In 2014, Hamline dedicated the Hamline Court in his honor. He felt truly blessed to serve Hamline University and its faculty, staff, and students for 29 years.

In 1994 he moved to Hawaii where he and Mary Kragel were married. They lived in Hawaii, Florida and Iowa and finally returned to Minnesota in 2016.

Dick believed in staying active before and after retirement as he competed in many outdoor sports. He participated in the Masters Track and Field Program through his 80's. He lived his values in his very senior years by investing in youth as he continued to coach in high school football and track programs on a volunteer basis until age 89. Dick expressed his gratefulness for the deep friendships and endless support he received throughout his life.

He and his wife attended Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park. He was confirmed at age 93. Dick found great peace in his faith.

Dick is survived by his beloved wife Mary of 30 years; three loving daughters, Janet Mulkern of Clearwater, FL; Terri (David) Luedtke of Blaine, MN; and Susan (Dean) Olsen of Bloomington, MN; seven grandchildren Adam (Dalys) Joyner of Sturbridge, MA; Julie (Jason) Robichaud of Clearwater, FL; Jonathan Luedtke of Blaine, MN; Daniel (Gretchen) Luedtke of Minneapolis, MN; Kristen Luedtke of St. Louis Park, MN; Karl (Krista) Olsen of Minneapolis, MN; and Matthew Olsen of St. Louis Park, MN; eight great grandchildren Joseph, Vanessa, Anabelle, and Kylie Joyner, Kenten, Ember, and Edmund Luedtke, and Stella Robichaud; siblings Marie(Scott) Kennison of Grafton, WI; and Virginia Christiansen of Bloomington, MN.

He is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Alvilda Mulkern, and his brother Harlan Mulkern and his first wife, Vivian Olson.

A Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 am on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road South, St. Louis Park, MN 55426. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. A private Graveside Service will be held at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery in

Minneapolis.

Memorials may be made in Dick's honor to Hamline University Athletic Department, St. Paul, MN, South High Foundation, South High School, Minneapolis, MN or Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, MN.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 23. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Westwood Lutheran Church  
9001 Cedar Lake Road South  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

## Memorial Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mary,  
Our sympathies to you, in the loss of Dick. Justin Hill always referred to him as Coach Dick! Have lost track of you, but tried again today! Justin wrote a feature piece in the Hampton Chronicle in the early 2004. My Son sure enjoyed your husband! Justin passed away April 16, 2023, so Mary, I feel your pain!!

Marlys Hill - December 04, 2025 at 09:23 AM

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“ Steve Lindgren's Little Sister Amy - Thanks Coach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Raymond Mulkern.

Steve Lindgren's Little Sister Amy - Thanks Coach - May 22, 2025 at 03:40 PM

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“ The Family of Duane Benson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Richard Raymond Mulkern.



The Family of Duane Benson - May 19, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Raymond Mulkern.



May 12, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Raymond Mulkern.

May 12, 2025 at 05:20 PM



“ 1 of his All-Americans, Irv Forseth purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Richard Raymond Mulkern.



1 of his All-Americans, Irv Forseth - May 09, 2025 at 06:45 AM



“ 1 of his All-Americans, Irv Forseth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Raymond Mulkern.

1 of his All-Americans, Irv Forseth - May 09, 2025 at 06:45 AM