



Richard Charles Rademacher

April 9, 1930 - May 5, 2022

Age 92 of Shoreview, Minnesota, passed away on May 5, 2022.

Richard ("Dick") is preceded in death by his wife, Lorna Jean (Swenson) Rademacher, Survived by his daughter, Jill (Jeff) Buhler; son, John (Kelly) Rademacher; grandchildren, Hanna and Hailey.

Richard was born in Melrose, Minnesota, to Nicholas ("William") and Mary (Walentiny) Rademacher, on April 9, 1930. The youngest of 10 children, he attended St. Boniface Elementary and Melrose High School through 10th grade. After his father passed away, he moved with his mother to Sauk Centre, Minnesota, where he graduated from High School. Dick received his teaching degree from St. Cloud State University in Elementary/Junior High Education and earned a Master's degree in Education and a Specialist degree at the University of Minnesota.

Dick met Lorna while both were teaching in Belgrade, Minnesota and married in 1955. They moved to the twin cities after being recruited to teach in the newly formed Mounds View School district - Lorna as a teacher (34 yrs.) and Dick as a principal (28 yrs.). Dick moved around the district working in five different elementary schools--Snail Lake, Turtle Lake, Sunnyside, Red Oak, and Pinewood - he retired in 1983. After retiring, he worked 10 years for the Minnesota Department of Revenue. At first as a seasonal employee, fielding calls with questions on tax preparation, and moved into a full-time position. Dick and Lorna were married for 61 years and were longtime residents of Shoreview - for over 50 years. Always willing to volunteer and serve, Dick was

a member of the Arden Hills/Shoreview Rotary Club, where he enjoyed working with others on numerous local community projects as well as national and international projects. He lived his life as a strong catholic and was a member of St. Odilia Catholic Church where he served as an usher for church services for many decades. He contributed to the church newsletter, Messenger, and had volunteered on the school committee to help in opening the school.

As a young man Dick served in the National Guard; he climbed Mount Hood in 1960; he worked on projects for the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce; and the St. Paul Winter Carnival where he entered the ice sculpting contest for a few years, creating ice castles in his front yard, and won the contest in 1971. Dick also worked with the Ramsey County Junior Sheriff's foundation for many decades.

During their retirement years Dick and Lorna enjoyed time with family-- celebrating milestones, such as birthdays and holidays, spending time with their two granddaughters, Hanna and Hailey, and attending their dance and school events. Dick enjoyed fishing his entire life, playing golf weekly with his friends and eating breakfast out with the "ROMEOS" (Really Old Men Eating Out). Their love of travel had them visiting family and friends throughout the U.S., and their international destinations included: Ireland, Norway, Switzerland, Austria and Germany - where Dick's ancestors were from in the North Rhine Westphalia Region. They enjoyed cruising with friends to Jamaica, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal. And attended REAM conferences for retired educators. Dick and Lorna were in their early 80s, when they stopped traveling and bought a small cabin on Clam Lake in Siren, Wisconsin. The cabin was a great place to relax and host family events. Dick and Lorna enjoyed getting together with friends that also had cabins on the lake, and fun times spent at Danbury and Hinckley Casino's playing games and blackjack.

Lorna passed away at the end of 2016, and during that same time Dick became very sick with heart issues and had to have a pacemaker implanted.

He was not able to move back to his home alone, so in January 2017 he moved in to an independent-living apartment at Shoreview Senior Living, where he lived for 5 yrs. He was very happy living there and had many wonderful friends. He really enjoyed the daily social activities offered and playing games such as Blackjack, Bingo, Mexican Train, Hand and Foot card game, and Rummikub. He also led the Rosary group.

The family would like to thank the staff members at Shoreview Senior Living, and the staff members at Waverly Gardens Care Center in North Oaks, Minnesota, where Dick spent his last few months in Hospice Care, thanking all of them for their kindness, support and wonderful care.

Funeral Service 11 AM (visitation 10 AM) on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell, 515 Highway 96, Shoreview. Interment Incarnation Cemetery, Lino Lakes.

Memorials preferred to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Charles Rademacher



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