



## Dr. Richard William Rasmussen

November 10, 1945 - May 19, 2024

Richard William Rasmussen, 78, of Minneapolis, MN, passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2024 in Rochester Mn with his family by his side.

Richard was born November 10, 1945 in Minneapolis. He graduated from Washburn High School (63) . He attended the University of Minnesota for both his undergraduate and medical school education. In 1969 he married Diane Domholt, a union that would last for over 54 years. When Richard graduated in 1971 they moved to Los Angeles where he took an internship at UCLA hospitals for one year and then completed his three-year residency in internal medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. An avid learner, he then went on to complete a master's degree in preventive medicine and public health at Harvard University.

In 1976 the family returned to Minnesota, and Richard joined the Willmar Medical Center, later to become APMC, where he cared for patients from central Minnesota for over 40 years. He was known for his deep connection with patients, his diagnostic acumen, and his contributions to senior care and dialysis services at the medical center.

In addition to his dedicated service to the medical community, Richard was active at Vinje Lutheran Church, served on the church council, coached hockey, and was scoutmaster for his sons. He cherished time spent with his

family. The annual water balloon fight was a favorite.

Staying active and in shape was important to Richard. He ran over 100 marathons, including the infamous Pike's Peak Marathon and Boston Marathon. He competed in many triathlons and bike and cross country ski races. Golfing was a lifelong interest. He started playing at a young age with friends and never stopped. He especially enjoyed sharing his passion for golf and fitness with his family.

Traveling kept his love of adventure alive. Memorable trips include Egypt, Japan, Australia, South America, and China to name a few. He planned many special trips with Diane and each of his boys in the US and all over the world. Visiting his relatives in Norway was a highlight.

Richard and Diane were blessed with four sons and 12 grandchildren. He was immensely proud of his family and loved sharing their accomplishments and special moments .

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Beatrice Rasmussen, and his brother Lee. He is survived by his loving wife Diane, sons: Christopher (Georgianna), David (Renee), Daniel (Alex), Michael (Christie), 12 grandchildren : George, Alexandra, Thomas, Julia, Ivy, Fawn, Henrik, Bjorn, Sage, Anders, Eowyn, and Haakon, and four brothers: Robert, Ronald, Jeffery , and Jon.

His legacy of love, learning, and adventure lives on through them.

Celebration of Life 11 am Friday, June 14 with visitation an hour prior to the service at St John's Lutheran Church, 4842 Nicollet Ave. S, Minneapolis.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Beito Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Richard William Rasmussen.*



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**The Beito Family** - June 13, 2024 at 06:46 PM

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“ *Dave’s St. Olaf family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Richard William Rasmussen.*



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**Dave’s St. Olaf family** - June 12, 2024 at 10:56 PM

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“ *To Diane, Chris, Dave, Mike, Dan and families, My thoughts are with you in learning of the death of your husband and father. I hope you have many good family memories, and that the Celebration of Life at St. John's is a meaningful and supportive gathering for you. Sincerely, Laura Morris*

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**Laura Morris** - June 04, 2024 at 01:04 PM