



Richard Walter Steffen

March 2, 1941 - April 13, 2025

Richard W. Steffen, age 84, of Anoka, MN, passed away peacefully on April 13, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Peggy (nee Munns). Loving father of Jim (Lisa), Julie (Mark) Melotik, and Janet (Joe) Mann. Proud grandfather of Lauren, Tommy, Jake, Ella, Luke, Ryan, Micale, Elena, and Matthew. Further survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Richard "Dick" was born and raised in Pembina, North Dakota. He served in the Army as a 1st Lieutenant during the Vietnam War, for which he was awarded a Purple Heart.

Dick met the love of his life, Peggy, from nearby Walhalla, while they were in college at UND, and married in 1966. He was a manager at Univac/Unisys Corp. for 33 years, where he formed many lasting friendships-one of his defining traits.

Dick always had a story to tell and a smile to share; those who crossed his path were the better for it. As testament to his social, genial nature, Dick would

frequently remind

family that no matter how full your life, there is always room for coffee with friends.

A lifelong athlete and talented golfer, Dick was the proud owner of many tournament

trophies and competed in multiple leagues throughout his life, including near his

beloved lakeside cabin retreat, nestled among towering pines in northwest Wisconsin. It

is there where Dick felt most at home, surrounded by family and friends, where he

excelled in teaching eager grandkids the finer points of fishing, boating, campfires, golf,

skiing, and most importantly; a well-rounded life well lived.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 2nd at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Anoka at 11 AM, with visitation one hour prior. A luncheon will follow the service. Private family interment at Fort Snelling.

In lieu of flowers please send a memorial donation to: Haven for Heroes, Anoka, <https://www.haven4heroesmn.org/> or

Veterans Home - Minneapolis - Recreational Activities, <https://mn.gov/mdva/donate/form.jsp?Id=39>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Anoka)
525 Jackson Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We first met Dick (and Peg) the day they agreed to buy their “cabin” with a “handshake”. The previous owners, George and Kay Cooke, brought them over to meet some of the neighbors; I guess to let them know their neighbors would not be bad ones. As I remember, I invited them all for dinner, though it now seems amazing I had enough food as our home was our unfinished cabin then. Thereafter, Dick and Peg had a lot of parties, but they were family ones and it was always a joy to hear the laughter and excited voices of their grandchildren.

Jim will always remember that Dick was always such a kind and gracious golfer (who won all the time)!

Shortly before his death, when he was no longer easily understandable, Dick made maybe his last phone call to Jim who was recovering from bypass surgery, wanting to know how Jim was doing. It was amazing to us that Dick, who was having such serious health issues himself, was still thinking of others.

Jim and Jan Johnson - May 21, 2025 at 08:51 PM

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“ I knew Dick just a little but know Peggy fairly well. Dick's MIL lived during her last years in an apartment in the same facility as my parents. As a result my parents (especially Dad) came to know Dick from his visits there. Whenever he visited Maureen or was in Walhalla, he made a point of visiting Dad (even after Maureen passed). Dad loved and was very appreciative of that and regularly told us, his family members, what a wonderfully good person Dick was. That reinforced my own impression of Dick as a very personable, thoughtful, kind and considerate person. May he rest in peace.

Dale Inglis - May 01, 2025 at 04:06 PM

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“ *From when we were youngsters to our recent cousins' lunches and everything in between, there are so many great memories. I will be thinking of you everyday, Dick. You were a wonderful friend and cousin. Bob Rose*

Bob Rose - April 17, 2025 at 05:30 PM