



## Robert John Alfton

April 30, 1939 - September 2, 2023

Robert J. Alfton passed away peacefully at his home in Minneapolis on September 2, 2023. Bob was 84 years old.

He completed an undergraduate degree and a law degree at the University of Minnesota. He joined the Minneapolis City Attorney's office in 1967 and was appointed Minneapolis City Attorney in 1978. He served as Minneapolis City Attorney for sixteen years. He was also an Administrative Law Judge for the State of Minnesota. Later in private practice, he focused on both public sector and private sector labor and employment matters.

He was a member of various professional organizations. He served as president of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Minnesota Municipal Lawyers Association. He was a member of the World Jurist Association. He was a speaker at law conferences locally, nationally and internationally. He was also president of the Minnesota Aquatennial Ambassador Organization.

He served in the U.S. Navy as an Operations Department Head and Ships Navigator on a fleet oiler. He was in the U.S. Naval Reserve until 1972 and earned the rank of Lt. Commander.

He was an avid golfer. He played golf on the four continents of North America,

Europe, Asia and Australia. He very much enjoyed golfing at St. Andrews in Scotland. He was a member of various golf leagues and he played in numerous golf tournaments. He had two holes in one. He was also an avid skier. He did many ski vacations and participated in various ski races.

He is survived by his significant other, Nancy Foster; his son, Isaac Alfton (Holly); his grandson, Jackson Alfton; his granddaughter, Kenzie Alfton; his brother, Dennis Alfton (Nancy); and his niece, Erica Alfton. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Lucille Alfton, and his brother, Richard Alfton.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 23, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1200 Marquette Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN. Visitation one hour prior to the funeral service. Parking is available in an underground ramp on site.

# Cemetery Details

## Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1200 Marquette Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55403

## Church Service

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

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## Graveside Service

SEP 23. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ Assistant City Attorney position in 1980 and tried his best to make me a good Municipal lawyer, with some degree of success. I shared Bob's love of golf, played with him many times on our Spring Seminar trips to Maddens, NIMLO/IMLA conventions, and the City/County Golf league. He loved to make a dime on the course. I am sorry not to be in attendance, but my spouse came down with Covid last night, and I don't want to take any chances with the health of others. RIP RJA.

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**Michael T. Norton** - September 23, 2023 at 11:07 AM