



## Robert Eugene Fernelius

October 26, 1930 - November 2, 2021

Fernelius, Robert Eugene "Bob" 91, passed away in New Hope, MN on November 2, 2021. Dad was born in Minneapolis, MN, on October 26, 1930 to Herbert E. and Esther (Hagen) Fernelius. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lela (Lee) Helme Fernelius; as well as sisters- in-law and brothers-in-law. Dad is survived by son and daughter-in-law David and Linda and their children - Kathi Evans (husband Tom, children Zach, Aili, Ella) and Dan (husband Taylor); daughter Nancy Fernelius Fury and son-in-law Brian Fury and their daughter Shannen; sister Louise Fernelius Ferch; brother Leonard Fernelius; sister-in-law Peggy Helme; several nieces and nephews, and many friends. Dad grew up in St Louis Park and graduated from St Louis Park High School. After graduation and a short stint in the Navy, Dad married Lela Luella Helme on June 5, 1957 in Minneapolis. They settled first in Robbinsdale and over time lived in Crystal, Plymouth, and New Hope. Dad worked as a meter reader for Xcel Energy (formerly Northern States Power Company), retiring in 1993. Dad and Mom realized their dream of designing and building their home in Plymouth. Mom, an accomplished seamstress, quilter, and crafter enjoyed her sewing room while Dad enjoyed time in his workshop. Dad enjoyed all things DIY, always working to maintain and improve their homes. He was a skilled craftsman and knew his way around tools. While their hobbies brought them much enjoyment, their greatest joy came from time with their grandchildren. Above all, Dad loved and cherished his family. He was eager to help whenever needed. Dad enjoyed

traveling, particularly driving trips to places near and far. Whether it was a road trip to the Rocky Mountains or an afternoon drive around Lake Minnetonka - with a stop in Excelsior at Licks Unlimited for ice cream - Dad did the driving and Mom provided navigation. Dad customized his Ford Ranger pick-up, converting it to a simple camper they took on longer trips to Yellowstone and points west. He enjoyed the outdoors and was particularly fond of fishing. Soft-spoken and humble, Dad seldom, if ever, complained or spoke an ill-word to or about anyone. While Dad was a quiet man, he was an intent listener and faithful reader of his Bible. He was an informed citizen and concerned about local, state, and national politics. He was ahead of his time when it came to issues as varied as eliminating daylight savings time, the dangers of smoking, and the idea of a retractable, domed football stadium. He was a great role model and teacher - showing us all how to be the best versions of ourselves. Dad faced his final days and future grounded in his Christian faith. As a Lutheran, Dad knew he was saved by grace. His faith was a constant in his life, regularly attending church at Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran, North Ridge Assisted Living and Good Samaritan Ambassador LTCC. Heartfelt thanks to the staffs at North Ridge AL, Good Sam LTCC, and North Memorial Hospice for their compassionate, kind, and loving care of Dad during the last years of his life. Celebration of Life service at Faith- Lilac Way, 5530 - 42nd Ave No, Robbinsdale, November 9, 2021 at 11:00AM with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment - Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church. Washburn-McReavy.com Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith-Lilac Way Lutheran Church ELCA  
5530 42nd Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55422

## Church Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5530 42nd Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55422

## Graveside Service

NOV 9. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)  
3600 Hennepin Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408