



## Robert Thaddeus Nelson

September 23, 1938 - June 3, 2020

Nelson, Dr. Robert T. passed away on June 3, 2020. Dr. Nelson was born on September 23, 1938, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Dr. Robert and Blanche Nelson. Dr. Nelson was an avid swimmer and was Captain of the swim team at Central High School in Minneapolis. He received his degree in dentistry at the University of Minnesota, and was inspired to study dentistry and serve in the military by his father, Major Robert V. Nelson, who was a dentist in the U.S. Army, and died as a Prisoner of War in World War II. Dr. Nelson worked for many years at his own successful dental practice in Edina. He was a life-long resident of Minnesota, except for two years practicing dentistry for the U.S. Army in Germany. He loved nature, every SAAB ever made, and in his younger years, riding his motorcycle in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He also loved going to car shows and even showed an Opel which he purchased from a junk yard in California and helped restore it. In 2010, Dr. Nelson survived a major stroke, and as a testament to his determination to recover, was able to overcome the paralysis caused by the stroke, and even regained his driver's license. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Karen, sisters Carol Tiernan and Marge (Dick) Kellor, children Cynthia, Greg (Dayna), and Julie, five grandchildren, and three nieces. Interment will be at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a future date, as will a celebration of his life. Memorials are preferred to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996



# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

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