



Robert Henry Rydland

May 28, 1946 - December 14, 2022

Rydland, Robert H., Captain USN (Retired) Captain Robert H. Rydland passed away December 14, 2022, at the age of 76, with his loving family by his side. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Roxanne Rydland; his daughter Lisa & Todd Schultz; his son Robert & Anne Rydland; and his five grandchildren: Andrew Schultz, Gavin Rydland, Nicklas Schultz, Maya Rydland and Zachary Rydland. Robert will be greatly missed by his eight siblings: Jayne & Gary Radel, Kathryn & David Gilbertson, A. Daniel & Nancy Rydland, David Rydland & Pam Bray, Karen & Roger Olson, Richard & Valerie Rydland, Judy & Bob Fleming, and Nancy Rydland. Robert (Bob) was born in Crookston, MN, to Arne and Helen Rydland. He grew up in Golden Valley, MN. Bob graduated from Robbinsdale High School, Saint Olaf College, and the University of Minnesota Law School. Bob was an AFS foreign exchange student in Germany during his junior year in high school where he met his future wife, Roxanne, who was also an AFS exchange student from Minnesota. After graduating from college, Bob deferred his enrollment in law school and joined the United States Navy. He was accepted to flight school and became an A-6 Intruder pilot. He had several cruises on the USS Forrestal and made many successful carrier landings. Bob and Roxanne spent eight years of active duty stationed in Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Puerto Rico, and Virginia. He continued in the Navy Reserve and was President of the Reserve Officer Association. After leaving active duty, Bob returned to Minnesota and attended law school at the University of Minnesota. He was in

private practice for many years before he joined the ELCA Board of Pensions as Vice President, General Counsel. Bob was very active in the community. He served as President of the Hennepin County Bar Association, was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Minneapolis Foundation and lifelong supporter of Ducks Unlimited. Bob loved to travel and explore new places. He particularly loved traveling with his family. He enjoyed many Christmas holidays in Honolulu at the Hale Koa; winters in Grand Cayman and Fort Walton Beach; many tropical evenings watching for the "green flash"; several family cruises to Alaska; fishing and hunting with his brothers; and many, many summers "Up North" at Cass Lake and Kabekona Lake. Bob was a very loyal person - especially to his family and his church. He was the person that everyone always went to for answers, and he was always willing to help. Bob was the "Silverback" of the Rydland clan. He was a longtime member of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis and generously supported numerous charitable organizations. There will be a Visitation on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 50th & Knox Ave. S., Minneapolis, immediately followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church. Private Interment at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church or ELCA World Hunger would be much appreciated. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Edina)
7500 York Ave.
Edina, MN 55343

Church Service

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