



## Robert George Wirth

February 26, 1944 - June 2, 2019

Wirth, Robert George age 75, died peacefully on June 2, 2019 at Our Lady of Peace Hospice Care with his loved ones near. "Bob" as he was known outside his family, was gifted, and had many self-taught skills including letter-press printing, calligraphy, illumination, drafting, photography, music, and folk dance. He wrote plays, short stories, and book drafts. He learned multiple languages, often in order to read and translate documents and books. His thirst for knowledge of all types was endless. He was an avid book collector and reader. His library of books, thoroughly categorized and catalogued, reflected his many interests, including a special focus on St. Joan of Arc. Those privileged to know Bob enjoyed his rich sense of humor, his memory for and delight in telling jokes, and his spot-on renderings of accents and dialects. He was also a "Master Punster." Bob was born in Philadelphia on February 26, 1944, the second child of Robert J. and Marcella (Goslin) Wirth. As an infant, he miraculously survived meningitis in the pre-penicillin era. He graduated from DeLaSalle High School in 1962, and earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota in Theater Arts, with an emphasis in technical theater and set design. For many years Bob devoted his talents to theater groups, including the Potpourri Players and Players Productions, designing many posters and sets. He served on the music and liturgy committees at St. Bridget's Church, and co-founded The North Side Life Care Center. He retired happily after 27 years as a Minnesota Department of Transportation traffic engineer. In reference to certain Twin Cities intersections, he sometimes

would proudly say, "I helped design that." Bob was able to befriend anyone and was unfailingly courteous to all. He was an excellent neighbor, and a frequent patron of local restaurants and pubs (especially Tootie's on Lowry Ave. N.) where he became like family to the staff. Preceded in death by his parents, by brothers, Raymond and John; is survived by siblings, Cecilia Wirth (Jim Mork), Mary Weaver, Joseph, Margaret Wirth-Johnson (Jim Johnson); nieces and nephews, Sara Cliffe, Alan and Gabriel Weaver, Michelle Wirth, Anna, Laura, and Nathan Johnson; and great nephew and niece, Brandon and Lauren Cliffe. The family thanks Drs. Adam VanDijk and Jessica Kaster of Camden Clinic, Sharon and Wayne of North Memorial Hospice Care, and the Our Lady of Peace Hospice staff for their loving care during Bob's 2 1/2 final years. Memorials are preferred to Our Lady of Peace Hospice, North Side Life Care Center, or the family. Mass of Christian Burial Fri., June 7, 2019 11 AM at St. Bridget Catholic Church, 3811 Emerson Ave N., Mpls. Interment Crystal Lake Cemetery. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at church and also Thurs., June 6, 2019 4-7 PM at: Washburn-McReavy.com Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677 Penn & Dowling Aves N.

# Cemetery Details

## Crystal Lake Cemetery

3816 N Penn Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
(612) 521-7619  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Chapel  
3816 N Penn Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
(612) 521-3677  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Visitation

JUN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Bridget Catholic Church  
3811 Emerson Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JUN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Bridget Catholic Church  
3811 Emerson Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

## **Graveside Service**

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JUN 7. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crystal Lake Cemetery  
3816 N Penn Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55412  
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[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I've known Bob since 1st grade at St. Bridget's. Two trivia I remembered: In second grade( Sr. Jean Patrick) he was reading "Old Ironsides" and I was still learning to read; at my 10th birthday party my mom asked him "Do you want some more spaghetti?" He said,"All you can spare." She thought it was so funny so she repeated that whenever we reminisced about MN. We moved to Montana in 1964. We used to take I. Q. tests in school and Bob was way up there. I visited with him by and by on the telephone and we exchanged Christmas cards. His cards were magnificent with calligraphy and art. They looked like something from a Catholic monastery from St. Thomas Aquinas's day. I appreciated his simplicity, yet his ability to get to the heart of the matter discussed with clarity and remarkable insight. I was fortunate to have been his friend. Miles and years separated us, but we always had good conversation whenever we connected. I'll miss that. Sincere condolences, gerard weber, Missoula, MT

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