



Roger Arland Schmidt

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Schmidt, Roger Arland 83, of Deep haven, died peacefully on October 19, 2017. Roger was born January 26, 1934 in Perham, MN to Ted and Hazel Schmidt. Roger spent his early formative years in Perham attending St Paul's Lutheran School. In his teens the family moved to Fargo, ND; he graduated from Fargo High School in 1952. He attended North Dakota State University graduating with a B.S. in Chemistry in 1957. One weekend at a Bison football game, he met a young nursing student named Gay who was attending St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo. He continued on to get an M.S. in Organic Chemistry in '59 also from NDSU. He married Gayleen [Enger] Schmidt in 1961 in Dickinson, ND. The Schmidts moved to the Twin Cities area where Roger worked as a Chemist and Gayleen as a Nurse. One of their favorite homes was on Maple Island in Burnsville, MN. After a brief out-of-state relocation they happily returned to MN. They settled on a 5 acre lot in Chanhassen for 44 wonderful years where Roger was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed the beauty of nature and honed his knowledge as he focused on the forestry of their land, and the Bluff Creek which ran through their property. Both Gay & Roger were avid and beloved members of the nearby MN Arboretum. Roger's career revolved around the design and syntheses of organic polymers used in automotive and large equipment paints. Roger was a dedicated scientist holding 2 patents [with colleagues]. He retired from Cargill in 1998 which allowed more time for driving with Gayleen to almost all of the 50 United States. His hobbies were traveling, camping, fishing and

hunting; he held a special love for the Boundary Waters. He was into genealogy and enjoyed capturing the beauty of nature via photography. Roger is survived by his wife Gayleen of Deephaven, MN; also by godchildren, cousins, nieces & nephews. He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents L.H.D. and Emma [Bauck] Schmidt; parents, Theodore and Hazel [Schwoboda] Schmidt. Roger's memorial is Friday Nov 3, 2017 in the Deephaven Woods Senior Living Chapel, 18025 Minnetonka Blvd, Deephaven, MN 55391. 2pm Visitation, 3pm Service followed by fellowship in the Community Room. Memorials can be given to the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020