



Rudolph Richard Anderle

December 9, 1939 - December 31, 2024

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Age 85. Born on December 9, 1939, in Minneapolis, MN. Went to the arms of his Savior on December 31, 2024.

Rudy grew up in Hopkins, MN, the second of five children: sisters Joan (Adrian Meyers), Janet (Martin Dittmar), and brothers Joseph (Dianne) and Thomas (Jocelyn). His childhood was spent playing sports with his siblings and neighborhood friends. He worked at his father's company Service Parts Company and spent a few summers working at Breezy Point Lodge. Rudy graduated from Hopkins High School in 1957 lettering in hockey and tennis. He also played basketball, was part of the Chefs Club, and a member of the Winter Royalty in 1957.

Rudy lived his entire life deeply rooted in the teachings of the church. In his teens he sang in the choir at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Hopkins, MN. Sitting above the pews in the choir loft, he eyed a special young lady, Lucy Anne Dargen. Rudy proposed to Lucy on St. Patrick's Day 1964 at St Margaret's Cemetery in Hopkins, and the couple married on October 17, 1964. While Lucy was finishing her nursing degree, Rudy enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served from 1962 to 1964.

Rudy and Lucy had four sons: Stephen (Sherry), David (Julie), John (Dawn),

and James (Renee). The couple recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary!

Rudy completed his bachelor's degree in education at St. Mary's College, Winona, MN in 1967. Rudy had a passion for teaching and began his professional career at Walnut Grove High School, Walnut Grove, MN in 1967. He then transferred to North View Junior High School, Brooklyn Center, MN in 1970 and continued to teach Math until his retirement in May 2000.

His love of teaching extended beyond the classroom. He coached hockey, tennis, basketball, and soccer. Rudy took every opportunity to teach a variety of skills he had acquired throughout his life (fixing cars, doing home repairs, playing cribbage, etc.) to anyone who was willing to learn. Rudy was always ready to help his sons with various home improvement projects, sharing his wisdom and the best approach or method.

A natural leader, Rudy organized an old-timers hockey league and established and managed the Brooklyn Park Hockey Clinic in the late 1970's teaching many young hockey players necessary skills.

Rudy and Lucy lived in Brooklyn Park for 54 years and were active members of the St. Alphonsus Church community. Early in their marriage, they participated in a Marriage Encounter retreat, which strengthened the bond between them and eventually led to their becoming leaders in the Prepare program which helped equip many engaged couples for marriage.

Rudy loved being active and loved being outdoors. Growing up he played baseball, basketball, and tennis, but his passion was hockey. He was a goalie into his 60's and was able to play hockey/opposing goalie against his sons. Rudy was also an avid bowler and participated in and managed numerous leagues into his 70's. His last bowling outing was on his 80th birthday! He enjoyed camping, hiking, bicycling, canoeing, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. He shared his love of these activities with his wife, sons, daughters-

in-law, grandchildren, and friends.

Rudy took much pride in his spectacular flower gardens. His favorite roses or dahlias were usually found in a vase on the kitchen table. He enjoyed playing cribbage and 500. Rudy also enjoyed music and often danced with Lucy to favorite songs from the Platters.

To Rudy, family was especially important. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed celebrating each accomplishment and milestone. He actively participated in the lives of his grandchildren (Shane, Nicholas, Andrew (Anna), Wilson, Kyra, Thomas, Lucas, and Kaitlyn and his great grandson Cole). Aside from camping trips, teaching them to build a campfire, and how to canoe, he also helped coach their hockey teams and loved to watch them participate in various sports and activities (hockey, soccer, baseball, basketball, dance recitals, and music concerts).

Rudy stressed the importance of family and prioritized attending family reunions and regular family gatherings. Rudy enjoyed the monthly breakfast/lunch gatherings with his siblings.

After retiring from teaching, Rudy dedicated much of his time to building homes through the Habitat for Humanity organization. He was part of the Northside Crew, and in 2021, Rudy received an award from Habitat for Humanity commemorating 26 years of service.

Rudy and Lucy loved to travel. They enjoyed many trips throughout the United States, also Ireland, Italy, Germany, Austria, and the Czech Republic where he met a cousin in the town where his family originated.

Rudy had an insatiable sweet tooth; he never missed dessert and used his love of sweets to master the art of making peanut brittle. Every Christmas, his family and friends would look forward to this sweet treat. His grandchildren always knew that "Papa" had Root Beer Barrels or Lemon Drops in his

pocket!

Throughout his life, Rudy was known for his favorite lunch: A peanut butter and jelly sandwich on raisin bread; usually strawberry jam made by his wife. He was always happy with his PB&J.

Rudy was a beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. We miss his smile and witty humor, but his legacy continues through his sons and grandchildren. We are blessed to know that Rudy is now wrapped in the arms of God and celebrating with his loved ones who have been waiting for him.

Memorial service will be held on January 14, 2025, at 11:00am with visitation one hour prior at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church - 7025 Halifax Ave N - Brooklyn Center, MN 55429.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations made in his honor to Habitat for Humanity or Sharing & Caring Hands.

Service will be streamed live and available afterward at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3rpk8f>

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Alphonsus Catholic Church
7025 Halifax Ave North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rudolph Richard Anderle.



January 23, 2025 at 02:27 PM



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January 23, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ He talked about how to do this&that right

Graham Grace - January 15, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ I'm glad I met Rudy, Lucy and their sons at The Waters. Their 60th Anniversary Mass and Reception was memorable. Their faith is always present in our weekly Rosary and monthly Mass. John Carr

John Carr - January 13, 2025 at 01:03 AM

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“ *My name is Ken Schmidt. I taught math with Rudy for 20 years at Northview Jr High. I will miss him greatly. My wife Gayla and I have known Rudy, Lucy and their four boys since 1970. We have shared many wonderful times and experiences with them over the years. We are saddened to lose a dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We will certainly attend his service, and look forward to sharing stories with the family.*

Ken & Gayla Schmidt - January 08, 2025 at 10:21 PM