



Russell Mattson

June 27, 2012

Age 76 ~ Of Richfield, MN Died on Sunday, June 24, 2012 of a sudden heart attack while he was gardening. He was preceded in death by his father, Russell Mattson, Sr.; his mother, Clarice Cochran Mattson; and his lifelong friends, John Gannaway and Guy "Buzz" Grove. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Northway Mattson; son, Steve; daughter, Laura (Al) Wad-zinski; grandson, Lucius; and sisters, Norma Williams, Karen Gastineau and Sonia Cairns. Russ worked for over 50 years as an employee benefit consultant. In recent years his area of professional focus was helping retirees navigate the Medicare system. Along with his sisters and their families, he steered the appropriation of funds from the Clarice Mattson Environmental Fund, established by his mother for the benefit of threatened ecosystems. Russ's participation in, and contribution to life was unparalleled. He was a past president of the Minnesota Triumphs Sports Car Club and past president of the Hobe Baker Memorial Award Committee. He valued hard work and honoring commitments. He loved to landscape and we feel blessed that he died doing something he loved. "Russ, you were generous, strong and inspirational. You were loved so much, by so many, and you will be missed always." Visitation 4-7PM Friday, June 29 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, W. 50th St. & Vernon Ave at Hwy. 100. Funeral service 10:30AM Saturday, June 30, Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls., MN. Russ was a Veteran of the Marine Corps and will be buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with Military Honors. If you would like to

remember Russ through a memorial contribution, please make a donation to Swan City Heritage Foundation, a park the provides food that sustains and grows the Trumpeter Swan population on the banks of the Mississippi River in Monticello or charity of your choice. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Russ in the employee benefits field. He was so kind to a young guy starting out! Later he recruited me to join Hobey Baker. We had a saying: "Hockey is best known for the Character of its players". Nobody exemplified that more than Russ! Russ would tell the new Hobey Chairman "Don't worry (about the tremendous workload)the award practically runs itself!" We will miss his smile, his friendship and his great sense of humor. Les LarsonHockey Coach Breck School

July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Uncle Russ, will be deeply missed, by a very many. I looked up to him, not only as a Uncle, but a father figure also. He always intregued me with his wisdom, and great sense of humor. He always found a way to put smiles upon others. A very giving man, one that i admire always, and will never forget. May he be at peace, in God's Kingdom, and able to watch over all of us. My thoughts and prayers go out to my Aunt Sharon, and cousins Steve, and Laura. With my deepest feelings of Love. May God Bless.*

~

Richard Culver,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Richard Culver - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Russ - aka Mr Social. So disappointed we didn't get our fishing date on Julia this summer, and Palmer won't be the same without you. You were loved, and will be missed. My heart goes out to Sharon and family. My deepest condolences.*

~

Tracy Johnson,

Minneapolis & Clear Lake, Minnesota

Tracy Johnson - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ A very special man, I'll be forever grateful for the kind things he had to say about my dad " Buzz " and the stories he shared about their younger days, especially at my dads 50th birthday roast and his funeral 5 years ago.

~

David Grove,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

David Grove - June 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ In addition to being a devoted family man, Russ was the classic "guy's guy". Russ was a long time (25+ year) member of the Meridian Club, an organization of which he served as President for a number of years. We could always count on Russ to make our monthly meeting better than it would have been, without him. We will all miss his wit, good stories and great attitude.

~

John B.,

For the Club

John B. - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences from two Murray High School classmates from '52 and '56. George especially remembers playing football on Midway Pkwy. with Russ and friends. Barb and George Carley

June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ All who remember this please sing it along with me one last time for our Murray Pilot who has risen to Victory!"Colors are flying come on Gold and Blue. Keep pushing onward we always will break through, RAH, RAH, RAH.Keep up the team work it means Victory. Rah, Rah for Murray and F-I-G-H-T!"My Deepest Sympathy to all his family and many friends. With Heartfelt Sympathy,Denise Verbrugghen McFarland, Class of 1954.

June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Aunt Sharon, Steve, Laura, and all, we are truly saddened by the loss of Uncle Russ. From my earliest memories of him, he was always a great guy, and so much fun. I enjoyed him at every stage of my life: he related to me even when I was a little kid, and as a young man I learned to respect him as a former marine. I came to realize what a pillar of the community he was, and to see that he had such a zest for life. I will miss him. Our prayers are with you, Bill, Deanna and Liam

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William Gibbons,

Altoona, Pennsylvania

William Gibbons - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I waitressed at the Palmer house n russ and his family where all just amazing people, you will be missed, you and that brilliant smile!

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“ *Russ-you will always be remembered by your adoring fans at Palmer House as the guy from the cities, always dressed in your salmon colored polo with the collar up. You would make your rounds with the usual phrase: "do you know what I love about you....everything" Now it is time to say good bye and to let you know we loved everything about you too!! Your inspired and very dear friend -Rebecca O'Brien*

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VW

“ *Saddened to hear about Russ. Russ was one of my most favorite customers at Quality Coaches. When Russ would come in for parts he was always in a great mood and added a little zip to the day. He will be missed by all he touched.*

~

Valerie Wallrich,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Valerie Wallrich - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sharon, sorry to hear about Russ. You have my love and support. I miss having your presence in Book Club. Such a wrenching loss for you and your family! Joan Barnett*

June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Aunt Sharon, Laura and Steve, My heart goes out to all of you. Uncle Russ will be missed a lot and I'm glad of the lovely memories I have of all of us together over the years. May he RIP and live on forever in our hearts. Love Jennifer

June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Laura and family, sending hugs across the miles to tell you I'm thinking of you. I was inspired by your dad, in your pics and comments on Facebook. Would that we all live our lives with such gusto!!! Sending support....

~

Tele Mackin,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Tele Mackin - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Laura and family: very sorry to hear about your loss. Sending many positive thoughts your way.*

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Julie Bustos,

Saint Paul, Minnesota

Julie Bustos - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Such a wonderful man with a kind and loving heart. He lived a beautiful life with an incredible amount of love and support from his family and friends. We'll miss you, Russ.*

~

Claire Luoto,

New York, New York

Claire Luoto - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We feel so lucky and blessed to have had Bumpa Russ in our lives. Our hearts are with you, our cherished friends. Love from CP, Ryan and the boys.*

~

Carolyn Petrie

June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



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Kimberly Mostoller Ross,

Bloomington, Minnesota

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PF

“ *Will Be Missed*

~

Patrick and Lisa Finnegan,

Clear Lake Mn, Minnesota

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“ *Go Murray pilots, long live The 504 Club at the Melody Ballroom, long live Camp McBooze at Forest Lake Point. Russ those good old days of High School will always be remembered. Thank You for your being a friend. I am going to miss your jokes. Mel Soderholm*

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WG

“ *What a shock! We love cousin Russ!!Who will make us laugh at familygatherings now???*

~

Wanda Gilmer,

Howard Lake, MN, Minnesota

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“ *All of us Gannaways loved you so much and will miss you always. Our thoughts are with you Sharon, Steve, and Laura.*

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DH

“ *Always upbeat, always happy and an inspiration. He was a dear friend and we will miss him.*

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Dal Holmberg,

Minnetonka, Minnesota

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PB

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Pam & Lee Busse,

Prior Lake, Minnesota

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TM

“ We have wonderful memories of our times together. You will be missed. Our thoughts go out to Sharon and family.

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Terry & Bernadette Mackey,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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