



Stewart Douglas Austin

November 25, 1931 - February 15, 2023

Austin Stewart Douglas, of Columbia Heights, MN passed over February 15, 2023 at age 91. Stew was born on November 25, 1931 in Superior, WI, the youngest of 12 children. He was married to his loving wife Corrine for 73 years and they had five children together.

Family was everything to Stew, he loved being a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and was an amazing uncle. His favorite activities were anything with family; attending all his kids' events, watching sports at home with his wife, fishing trips and playing golf. He viewed each day with a gracious and positive outlook. Nothing broke his lifelong spirit; even in his final chapter, when responding to our "see you in the morning dad," he'd always reply, "the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise," with a smile.

His careers included working at Pearson's Candy, D.W.Onan, Flaherty Equipment Corporation and finally at Heights Bakery, delivering pastries. He was very fond of the co-workers and friends he met along the way, truly a people person at heart.

Stew is survived by his wife, Corrine, children Kathy Olson (Richard), Lucy Hartel (Craig), Rick Austin (Susie Johnson), Ron Austin (Jill) and Mark Austin; grandchildren Sarah Koch (Tim), Matt Olson (Dana), Ashley (Nick Schmidt), Allison (Jordan Metsa) and Grant Austin (Brenna Conrad), Mary-Catherine

Hartel (Pete Doxey), Paul (Kristin), Andrew (Marisa Winters) and Michelle Austin, Billy (Tara Gebur) and Lindsey Austin; great-grandchildren Hailey, Jacaiah, Jazaeh, Alick, Morgan and Kendra. Preceded in death by his beloved great-grandson James, his parents and siblings.

Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, February 28, 11 AM in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 4030 Jackson Street NE, Columbia Heights, MN with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Luncheon will follow Mass. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The American Heart Association or your preferred charity.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
4030 Jackson Street Northeast
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I was a neighbor kid to the Austin family - we lived across the street. I just heard this morning that Mr. Austin had passed away, and I'm so sorry your loss. Mr. Austin was so good to all of the kids in our neighborhood, and I really liked him. Mr. Austin made a huge impact on my life, and I always remember him as one of the best men I've ever known. Deepest condolences from my wife Kelly and I, and our entire family. Blessings on you, and know that there was no one like Stew Austin. A man above men.

Ron Hedblad - St. Paul, MN

Ron Hedblad - February 28, 2023 at 09:19 AM

“ Stew was a good friend. He will be missed. I cannot attend the Service as I will be in CA. Paul Ellingboe

Paul Ellingboe - February 23, 2023 at 11:28 AM

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“ Stew was one of my first mentors when I started at Onan back in 1977. He was great fun to work with, while he patiently "showed me the ropes" in the generator business. Interestingly enough, that had less to do with generators, and more to do with how you work with, and treat people. What we were really doing was learning what each person/project needed, and how best to get that for them.

I think his enthusiasm for his work has also stuck with me all these years--every new project is an opportunity to make a "monument" that will serve well for a long time, and put another new friend on your list of people you have helped along the way.

I know that all of you are going to miss him--but take comfort in the fact that you lived with one of the greatest guys that ever lived.

Gary Olson - February 23, 2023 at 08:30 AM

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Thanks so much for sharing these sweet memories. I'm glad I got to learn these same lessons from him. He was definitely one of the greatest guys that ever lived.

Ashley Austin - February 28, 2023 at 12:14 AM