



## Virgil William Luken

September 12, 1942 - June 10, 2023

Virgil W. Luken, age 80 of Minnetonka, MN, died June 10, 2023 after a brief illness. Raised in south Minneapolis, graduate of Roosevelt High School where he was an All-America high school swimmer under Toy Jambeck. Later he swam for William Heusner then Robert Mowerson. He became a 9x collegiate All-American, Olympian (Tokyo, 1964), a National Masters Swimming Champion with 15 national titles, and eight national age group records. He was actively involved in USA and AAU swimming as coach, instructor, and owner/manager of Virg Luken Swim School. With his own swimming as a foundation, he treasured most seeing the development of young people as they became successful in life. A pool builder/designer of forty years, he cared about quality in pool construction for the sake of the swimming experience. His life had always been related to swimming "from digging a hole [for a pool] to the Olympics."

Virgil is survived by his devoted wife, Tania; two children, Amy and Ross; granddaughter, Anna; and extended family of nieces, nephews, and in-laws. The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, surgeons, and hospice caregivers at Methodist Hospital.

Suggested Memorials to Men's or Women's Swimming & Diving Enhancement Fund. Contact [kassm016@umn.edu](mailto:kassm016@umn.edu) or a charity of your choice.

Visitation Thursday, June 15, from 4-7 PM. Memorial Service Friday, June 16,  
at 1 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Visitation

JUN **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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## Chapel Service

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Virgil William Luken in memory of Virgil William Luken



Washburn-McReavy - June 15, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ RIP Virg, one of the best people I have known in my life. If there's a place we go to after we have passed away on this earth, it will be good for Virg, God stands for love and Virg deserves God's love.

Steve Jackman

U of Minnesota Swim Team teammate and lifetime friend

steve jackman - June 16, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Virgil William Luken.



June 14, 2023 at 10:22 PM