



Walter Jerome Dustrud

November 25, 1936 - May 9, 2025

Dustrud, Walter Jerome "Jerry"

Age 88, of Mpls., passed away May 9, 2025. Preceded in death by wife, Heather Toy Dustrud; parents, Walter and Mabel Dustrud.

Jerry graduated in 1954 from Mpls. So. High School and in 1959 from the U of MN, where he was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. After service in the Army National Guard, he embarked on a 40-year career as a project manager, designing computer systems for businesses. Jerry demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to community service from a very young age. In recent years, he was a member of two homeowner association boards, Elliot Park Neighborhood board, Triangle Park board, and So. High scholarship and reunion committees.

He enjoyed tennis, golf, music, sailing, reading, bridge, and coffee. He loved spending time at his family cabin and his Florida condo, as well as traveling to many states and countries.

Survived by wife, Gayle Dustrud; children, David (Stephanine) Dustrud, Kristen (Doug) Schneider, Jon (Kristina) Dustrud; stepchild, Jesse (Sara) Heinzen; grandchildren, Ana Rogers, Wade Rodgers, Augusta Berling (Greg), Erica Schneider, Ian Schneider, Emma Heinzen, Olivia Dustrud, Ella Dustrud;

great-granddaughters, Stella and Audrey; sister, Barbara (Gary) Ronning; brother, Charles Dustrud; many relatives and friends. Jerry will be remembered by all for his charm and wit.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2:00 PM, at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S 12th St., Minneapolis. Visitation 1:00. Memorials preferred to Lutheran Campus Ministry Endowment, Grace Hospice, or a group of your choice that you shared with Jerry.

The family is especially grateful for the care Jerry received from Grace Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Lutheran Church (Mpls)
333 South 12th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Walter Jerome Dustrud.*



June 23, 2025 at 10:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Walter Jerome Dustrud.*



June 13, 2025 at 05:40 PM



“ *Jerry was my USTA men's tennis partner for years. He was the kindest and fun person I have ever met. His "curse" word if he made a bad shot was rats. He was a supportive partner and I never heard him utter a negative comment about anyone! He loved his wife Gayle, his family, his life and tennis. I will truly miss him and think about Jerry every time I set foot on a tennis court.*
Jack Baloga

Jack Baloga - May 21, 2025 at 09:34 AM

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I knew Jerry only as "Dusty", as did all of his classmates from the South High Class of 1954. I had the pleasure of working with Dusty on the Class Reunion Committee, and the South High Foundation Scholarship Committee. He was indeed a man of "charm and wit:, and also compassion....working to benefit the homeless community for example....he'll be sorely missed by many, including me and all his close South High classmates

*Wishing peace and many blessings to Gayle and the family.
Barbara Anderson*

Barbara Anderson - May 23, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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Jerry and I traveled to Tennis Camp at Dean Laurance's for several years together. We enjoyed each others company, and our conversations went from Family to Politics. I will miss our visits and my friend!

Dave Peer May 30, 2025

david peer - May 30, 2025 at 06:36 PM