



## Walter Robert Meissner

December 30, 1936 - July 23, 2021

Meissner Jr., Walter Robert of Eden Prairie passed away on July 23, 2021 at the age of 84, after battling pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his wife and family, and the loving arms of God. Wally was born on December 30, 1936 in Chicago, IL. He moved with his family to Hibbing, MN at the age of 3, and then to Rush City, MN six years later. He became a star athlete in four high school sports: football, basketball, baseball, and track. He attended Dartmouth College for 18 months on a football scholarship until he was sidelined by injury. He completed his higher education at the University of Minnesota, ultimately attaining his MA in Music. In addition to his wife and family, music was a lifelong passion beginning at an early age. He sang his entire life, played trombone in high school and college, and participated in and directed various church, professional, and community choirs. After obtaining his Master's Degree in Music in 1961, he taught music at the high school and college levels for many years. In 1972, he combined his love of music with his entrepreneurial instincts and started Meissner Piano Service. He tuned and serviced pianos for hundreds of people in the Twin Cities area and throughout the state for 49 years, until shortly before his death. He was proud and honored to eventually consider so many of his customers as friends. Another passion was spending time at his beloved cabin in northern Minnesota. Built with his own hands, the hours he spent at Elbow Lake with family and friends basking in the rustic beauty of God's creation were surely the best of his life. Wally was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Alice Meissner; sister

Janet, brother Roger, and brother Edward "Willy" Meissner (Linda). He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lois; three daughters: Vicki Wehe (Wayne McGregor), Lori Beecher (Dr. John), and Kristi Copley (Jon); three brothers: Fred Meissner (Pam), David Meissner (Gene Chelberg), and Kevin Meissner (Linda); and his aunt, Arlene Hendrickson. "Papa Fish" is also survived by six grandchildren: Tucker Weisman, Shaun Wehe (Jessica), Stephen Wehe (Kelsey), Blaze Beecher, Cash McGregor, and Lilli Hoffman; and five great-grandchildren: Lillian Wehe, Cameron Wehe, Logan Wehe, Vincent Wehe, and Cayleigh Wehe. A memorial service will be held on Monday, August 2 at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie; visitation at 1:00 p.m. and service at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to Compassion International or Samaritan's Purse organizations.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
7625 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
(952) 975-0400  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM.

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## Memorial Service

AUG 2 (CT)

Wooddale Church  
6630 Shady Oak Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Walter Robert Meissner.*



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