



## Walter Walseth Ostrom

September 5, 1938 - March 11, 2021

Walter Walseth Ostrom, age 82 of Minneapolis, died on March 11, 2021. Walt was born on September 5, 1938, in Anaconda, MT, to Curtis and Irene (Walseth). He is preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Mrs. Roberta (Farnham) Ostrom. He is survived by his daughter Caroline, son-in-law John Karthaus, granddaughter Ellie Karthaus, sister-in-law Mrs. Beatrice Giere, nephews Tom (Becky) and David (Milah) Hennessey, grand-niece and grandnephews, and a great-grandnephew. Walt was a graduate of Fergus Falls High School ('56), Harvard University (cum laude) ('60), and the University of MN Law School ('64), where he graduated with honors and was on the Law Review. He was a lawyer by trade (Carter Ledyard, Sperry Rand, Honeywell, and West/Thomson Reuters), but his passion was always and obviously music. While in Fergus Falls, he would have classical records mailed to him from the downtown Minneapolis Library to play and return. He started the tuba in 7th grade, as it was the one instrument that was provided by the school, for free. While in Boston for college, he was thrilled to usher for four years for the Boston Symphony. Later in life, he would pick up the tuba again, playing for many years in the Honeywell Concert Band, the Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra, and the Buffalo Community Orchestra. At age 50, having always wanted to play a string instrument, he took up the viola, which he also played in the Linden Hills and Buffalo orchestras. Walt will be remembered for his encyclopedic knowledge on many subjects, his wit, both high-brow and low-brow humor, and his infectious grin. He introduced his progeny to opera,

Gilbert and Sullivan, musicals, Mel Brooks, and PDQ Bach. Special thanks to Tammy Campy and Ken Gorman for their friendship and support in his last years. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Honeywell Concert Band, Buffalo Community Orchestra, or the Linden Hills Chamber Orchestra are appreciated. A memorial service will be held on May 15th. We ask you to visit our online obituary at [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) and RSVP by selecting the Obituary & Service Tab and the RSVP link.

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# Previous Events

## Chapel Service

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *The members of Honeywell Concert Band have fond memories of Walt. He was a good musician and contributed his talent and energy to the betterment of the band. We miss him and are grateful to have had him as a member for many years.*

*Janet Chandler, long-time band member*

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**Janet Chandler** - March 17, 2021 at 10:08 AM