



Wayne Jacob Gregoire

April 15, 1942 - December 19, 2022

Wayne Jacob Gregoire passed away peacefully on the evening of December 19, 2022, at his home in Eden Prairie, surrounded by his loving family. Wayne was born on April 15, 1942, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to George and Lillian Gregoire. He was baptized and confirmed at St Jude's in Thompson, N.D.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister Diane, brother Doug, three brothers-in-law, and two sisters-in-law. He is survived by his wife Carol, daughter Michelle and son David. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law, and three sisters-in-law and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

Wayne grew up on a farm in Thompson, North Dakota, and spent many hours working in the fields. After graduating from high school, he went on to the University of North Dakota graduating with a degree in Chemistry. During that time, he joined the Army Reserve. He then moved to the Minneapolis area where he met and married the love of his life, Carol, and they have been married for 51 wonderful years. After working as a chemist, he turned his career path toward selling hospital laboratory equipment & diagnostic kits to hospitals, which he thoroughly enjoyed. This endeavor took them to Omaha, Nebraska for a year and then on to Denver, Colorado for 2-1/2 years. In 1979 they were relocated with his job back to Minnesota and they settled in Eden

Prairie. There they were blessed with 2 wonderful children whom he loved dearly. Wayne was an extremely creative guy that dabbled in all kinds of crafts from painting pictures to working with stained glass. He loved to cook and after his retirement would always have dinner ready when Carol came home from work. He also loved cooking for friends and baking cakes when it was birthday time. He played Santa Claus at his brother-in-law and sister-in-law's for many years, and with a great big "Ho Ho Ho" he made it fun for all the little ones even into their adulthood. He could fix anything, from a broken stove to a broken heart. He loved working with wood and because of that love, he saw a need to invent items that could help cabinetmakers in their shops. He spent countless hours creating and making his equipment and starting his own company Wynmatic, Inc. He and Carol, especially after her retirement, enjoyed many years traveling to trade shows and woodworking shops throughout the country. Mostly he cherished spending time with his family and friends that he loved dearly. In February of 2018, he became ill, and after several months in hospitals and rehabs, he was able to come home in the fall of 2018. Although he still struggled with health issues, he was happy to be home and near those he loved so much.

Wayne had a deep faith in God and we know he is spending Christmas with his Lord and Savior. Services will be held on January 4th, 2023 at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Eden Prairie, at 11:00am with visitation from 10:00am to 11:00am. If so wished, memorials can be made to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of MN or Lightshine Canine.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church
12100 Pioneer Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Church Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne was such a good neighbor and longtime friend to my parents Andrew and Ruth Mital who lived across the street from the Gregoires in Eden Prairie. Many times when we were visiting my dad and mom, our two sons Darren and Brent were always welcomed to go over to Wayne’s house and play with his son David and daughter Michelle. Wayne and Carol were so kind to them and us. The world has lost Wayne, but Heaven has gained a saint.



Daniel and Yadira Mital

Daniel Mital - January 04, 2023 at 11:47 AM

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Dear Dan and Yadira - Thank you so much for your kind words about Wayne. We always enjoyed having you visit your mom and dad. We loved them dearly and you all were like family to us. The kids loved playing with Darren and Brent and they still reflect back on the good times they had. Your mom and dad and Wayne are definitely looking down on us and smiling too. Thank you so much for all your support especially these past few years. Carol

Carol Gregoire - January 18, 2023 at 10:06 AM



i have know Wayne since i was a little kid, he was so kind and a great person!!! i will miss him!!!

Jami Beaulieu - February 11, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Wayne Jacob Gregoire.*



December 31, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ *Jim and I had some fun times with Wayne and Carol going all the way back to the 70's where we made plans, socialized and played games. We visited them when they lived out of state and we're thrilled when they moved back to Minnesota and close to us. Every time we'd play cards or stop by Wayne encouraged us to try this or that treat he had made. Some were real doozies! Especially some of those drinks! We had a lot of laughs. We will miss you in our lives Wayne and send our love and sympathy to the family. Love, Jim and Merry Anne*



Merry-Anne Rosengren - December 28, 2022 at 04:12 PM



Dear Jim and Merry Anne - Thank you! Oh such wonderful memories we've made through the years - over 52 years together! A lot of laughs and tears. Wayne loved you both and always enjoyed it when we could be together with you. Coming back to Minnesota was the best as it gave us many years to make more memories that I will always cherish.. Thank you for always being there for us. Love Carol

Carol Gregoire - January 18, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne Jacob Gregoire.*



December 28, 2022 at 08:16 AM