



Wayne Harvey Westwood

August 16, 1928 - March 19, 2023

Wayne Westwood passed away peacefully in Minneapolis on March 19, 2023 at age 94. Wayne was born to Harry and Selma Westwood on August 16, 1928 in Frankfort, South Dakota. He was preceded in death by his parents and older siblings David, Lois, and Wilbur.

When Wayne was 6 years old, his family moved to Northfield, Minnesota. After high school graduation in 1946, Wayne joined the US Army Air Force, attaining the rank of Sergeant and stationed at Shaw Field in South Carolina. Upon his discharge in 1948, Wayne returned to Northfield and enrolled in St. Olaf College, spending two years there before ultimately completing a degree in English and graduating from Concordia College in Moorhead. He moved to Minneapolis and took a job as a clerk for the U.S. Veteran's Administration at Fort Snelling. He would remain with the V.A. throughout his working career, attaining a law degree from William Mitchell College of Law in 1969 and retiring as Chief of Live and Death Claims (V.A. Insurance) in 1984.

While living in Minneapolis, and looking to meet new people, Wayne joined the University Lutheran Church of Hope choir. There he met Anna Johnson and they married on May 11 1957, a union that lasted 45 years until her death in 2003. He is survived by three children, Tom (Kim Rose), Jim (Brenda Winkel) and Karen (John Pignatello); five grandchildren, Linnea Becerra (Cesar), Nicoletta and Mateo Pignatello, and John and Anna Westwood; and a great-granddaughter, Mira Becerra.

Wayne had an active mind and a wide range of interests. University Lutheran

Church of Hope played a central role in his life, providing opportunities to participate in music (choir, bell choir) and service to the congregation and local community. In addition, he enjoyed golf, and played tennis from his college days through his late 80s. He was an astute player of chess and cribbage, and a connoisseur of opera and classical music. He spent years mastering the art of baking bread and cooking a wide variety of cuisines, all to the great benefit and enjoyment of his family.

A visitation will be held for Wayne at Washburn-McReavy Chapel, 2901 Johnson St NE, MPLS, from 6-8 PM on March 24. A funeral service will be held at the University Lutheran Church of Hope on March 25, with visitation starting at 10:00 AM and the service at 11:00 AM (livestream at www.ulch.org).

Memorials preferred to University Lutheran Church of Hope or a charity of donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Northeast Chapel
2901 Johnson Street N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-6828
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Visitation

MAR **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

University Lutheran Church of Hope
601 13th Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Church Service

MAR **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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601 13th Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Tribute Wall



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