



## William D Birch

July 2, 2013

Birch, William D. 82, of Wayzata, MN, was welcomed home by our Lord on July 2nd, 2013 after a valiant fight with cancer. He was born in Watertown, S.D. on Jan. 25, 1931 at the home of his parents, Robert I. Birch and Ruby Birch nee Blastervold. Bill was the fourth and youngest child of his parents. A Dr. Hammond presided over his home delivery and not having a scale to weigh him, told his mother that he weighed "a good ten pounds." He was born on a Sunday at 6:30 p.m. He often told friends or clients that having missed Sunday dinner on the day that he was born, he has been working to make up for it ever since. Bill was a proud graduate of Roosevelt High School, the University of Minnesota Business School and the University of Minnesota Law School. He served in the Army Counter Intelligence corps and was stationed at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Bill's great passions in life were his Norwegian heritage (100 percent Norwegian); sports (golf - Minnetonka Country Club and Hazeltine National Golf Club), basketball (semi-pro in Baltimore), bowling, and tennis; music (Apollo Male Chorus, St. John's, Central, and Mount Olivet Choirs), reading; movies (especially foreign films at the Uptown); the Lutheran church (St. John's Lutheran, Central Lutheran, and Mount Olivet Lutheran); the turkey dinner at House of Wong and pies of all types from the 50's Grill Restaurant. Bill practiced law in Minneapolis for more than 50 years. He thoroughly enjoyed counseling his client, including many non-profits and charities, throughout his career. His larger than life presence, keen intellect, wit, insightful advice, joyful laughter, and ability to add to the conversation no matter what the topic will be greatly missed. His three older siblings were Robert E. Birch (Louena), Byron E. Birch (Mae), and Shirley A. Lindblom (Maurice). His parents and all three of his siblings pre-deceased him. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 50 years, Carole J. Birch; son, William D. Birch, Jr. (Dawn), and daughters, Jennifer J. Belz (Scott), and Kathryn E. Gimse (Christopher) as well as grandsons, Christian and Erik Belz and granddaughters, Hanna, Hope, and Sage Carole Gimse. In addition to his immediate family, Bill is also survived by sister-in-law, Mae Birch (Byron), brother-in-law, Dr. Maurice Lindblom (Shirley), and many loving nieces and nephews. A service of remembrance will be held on Tuesday, July 9th, at 11:30 am. Visitation with the family will precede the service at 10:30 am and a lunch will follow at 12:30 pm. A service of Christian burial will take place at 2 pm at Fort Snelling National Cemetery following the service at

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (West campus), 7150 Rolling Acres Road, Victoria, MN  
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Bjerknes, Roy E. Passed away June 29, 2013. Full notice at a later date.

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Block, Judie Marilyn Born February 28, 1956 in Minneapolis, MN, passed away on July 3, 2013 in Columbus, OH. Preceded in death by her parents, Saul and Nancy Block; sister, Carol Sue Diamond; niece, Julie Block and great niece, Eliana Sweatland. She is survived by her brothers, Dr. Dale (Ellen) Block, Dr. Arnold (Mary) Block and Paul (Joanne) Block; sister, Harriet Gold; uncle, Harvey (Rita) Soltan; numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral service and interment are being held in Columbus, OH. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to Susan G. Komen for the Cure , The Eliana Sweatland Fund at Cong. Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205 or Hadassah. Online guestbook at [www.epsteinmemorial.com](http://www.epsteinmemorial.com)

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Briner, William "Bill" age 78 of Brainerd, passed away July 5, 2013. Preceded in death by parents, George and Sophie and son, Patrick. Survived by sons, Robert (Julia), Dan; daughter, Michelle McGinn; and grandson, Trevor. Interment Fort Snelling. Funeral service 11 AM Wednesday, July 10 with visitation starting at 9 AM at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Crystal Lake Chapel 612-521-3677 Penn & Dowling Aves N.

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Brown, Murray Roy formerly of Inver Gove Hts, MN died July 1, 2013 in Alexandria, Virginia. Murray was 61 years old and suffered an unexpected heart attack while out for a run. Murray was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on December 14, 1951, the middle child of Thelma and Stewart Brown. Murray grew up in Ottawa where he attended university and became a chartered accountant. Most recently, Murray served as Vice President Regional Controller for Brookfield Properties where he worked for over 22 years, first in Minneapolis and most recently in Washington D.C. Together with his wife, Mary Joyce

Flinn, they raised two sons and numerous companion dogs. An avid motorcyclist, runner and traveler, Murray lived life to the fullest and ensured everyone else did too. In addition to his wife of over 20 years, Murray is survived by his sister, Joanne Brown, brother, Brent (Dianne) Brown; his two boys, Jeff and Scott (Jenny), his favorite grandson, Max and loyal dog Sam. The Old Man's sarcasm and advice will be greatly missed. Family and friends may gather on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, Alexandria, VA. An additional memorial service will be held in Minnesota on July 14th, 2013 at Sweeney's Saloon in St. Paul from 4-6 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lupus Foundation of Minnesota.

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Brown, Paul Frederiksen Age 60, of St. Louis Park, died suddenly on June 28, 2013. Paul was preceded in death by his father, Robert, and nephew, Jason Krause. Paul is survived by his mother, Margrethe; brother, Rolf (Sonja); sisters, Linnea Berg, Karla Craig, and Grete (John) Krause; nieces and nephews, Theresa (Reese) Jabs, Kelsey (Leanne) Brown, and Megan Brown (Ryan Nesvig); Elijah and Misha (Gelseys) Berg; Robert (Jossie), Aric (Stephanie), and Andrea Craig (Andy Cowles); as well as several grandnieces and grandnephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins. Paul also had many dear friends in the Twin Cities and other parts of the country. Paul touched many lives and will be deeply missed. He is remembered especially for his generosity, his love of great design, and his wonderful laugh and ready wit. Services will be held Saturday, October 5, 2013, at St. Peder's Church, 4600 E. 42nd Street, Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to Second Harvest or donor's favorite charity.

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Browne, Teresa L. (Schramm) Age 58, of Roseville, passed away peacefully, at home, on June 29, 2013. Preceded in death by mother, Mildred. Survived by husband, James; father, Norman; and brothers, Matthew, Mark (Liz) & Jonathan. Funeral service 11 AM Tuesday, July 9 at SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3920 N. Victoria St., Shoreview. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Visitation from 4-8 PM Monday at MUELLER-BIES FUNERAL HOME- ROSEVILLE, 2130 N. Dale St. @ County Rd. B and also at the church on Tues. from 10-11 AM. MUELLER-BIES 651-487-2550 [www.muellerbies.com](http://www.muellerbies.com)

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Budewitz, Robert E., Sr. Age 92, of St. Paul, passed away at home peacefully on Sunday, June 30, surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by brothers John & William; sisters Lois Schmitt, Marion Farrell & Catherine Budewitz. Survived by wife of 65 years, Isabella; children Robert E., Jr. (Maggie), Kathleen (fiance Mark Schannach) and Edward; grandchildren Cheryl, Michael & Thomas (Rachael); 4 great grandchildren; brother, Richard (Jane); sisters Florence Novak & Geraldine Budewitz. Served 10 years in the U.S. Marine Corps (WWII & Korea) and 19 years as a Red Cross volunteer transportation driver. He was named WCCO Radio's Good Neighbor twice and received the President's

Call to Service Award for his Red Cross work. Mass of Christian Burial Monday (7/8) at 10:00 AM at ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2119 Stillwater Avenue East, St. Paul. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation Sunday (7/7) from 2:00-5:00 PM at SANDBERG FUNERAL HOME, 2593 E. 7th Avenue, North St. Paul and one hour before the Mass at church on Monday. Memorials preferred to the Red Cross. Special thanks to the HealthEast Hospice team for their care and compassion. Sandberg Family FH 651-777-2600 sandbergfuneralhome.com

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Burge, Gayle M. age 60, of Apple Valley. A kind and gentle soul was called home by the Lord surrounded by her loving family on July 4th, 2013 due to complications of cancer. She was preceded in death by her father, Earl Bohlman and daughter, Laurie Burge. Gayle is survived by her loving husband, Bill; daughter, Janelle (Chris) Zielinski; mother, Lorraine Bohlman; brothers, Keith (Candace), and Allen Bohlman; and grandchildren, Ethan, Cameron, and Samantha; and many other loving relatives and friends that will miss our loving Gayle. Gayle was a 31 year employee at Sears in Burnsville where she touched many other lives and made many other lasting friendships. A Gathering of Family & Friends is scheduled for 4-7 PM Wednesday, July 10 at the Henry W. Anderson Mortuary, 14850 Garrett Avenue, Apple Valley (952) 432-2331, and Thursday, July 11, 1 hour prior to 11 AM Mass of Christian Burial at the Church of the Risen Savior, 1501 East County Road 42, Burnsville. Memorials are preferred. [www.HenryWAnderson.com](http://www.HenryWAnderson.com)

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Bursh, Lyn Marie (Nelson) Age 57. Lyn fought a courageous battle with cancer and passed away on Sat., June 22, 2013. Born Feb. 24, 1956 and raised in Edina, MN. Graduated from Edina High School in 1974. Attended Luther College in Decorah, IA, Augsburg College in Mpls, Luther Bible Institute in Washington state and graduated from Lakewood Dental Academy. Lyn married Jerry Bursh on Oct. 19, 1985 where they lived in Blaine, MN for 26 years. Lynn loved to sing, especially with the choir of Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine, MN. Preceded in death by parents, Warren & Ina Nelson. Survived by her loving husband, Jerry; brother, Jerry (Laura) Nelson; nephew, Alex Nelson; sister, Judy (Mark) Proudfoot; niece, Tonya (Ryan) Klementson; great niece, Elizabeth Klementson; uncles, Bill (Phyllis) Gablenz, David (Milly) Smart; aunts, Dora Nelson and Jeanette Nelson, and many cousins, relatives and friends. Memorial service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 641 89th Ave NE, Blaine, MN. 55434, on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 11 AM, visitation at 10 AM, luncheon to follow service. Memorials preferred. [www.caringbridge.org/visit/lynbursh](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lynbursh) [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

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Cantin, Patricia M. (Miller) "Pat", age 77, of Richfield, passed from her earthly home on July 4, 2013 surrounded by family. Pat was known for her love of the Lord, her witty sense of humor and her total devotion to family, until her peaceful end. She will be dearly

missed. Preceded in death by parents, John & Vivian Miller; daughter, Cindy; siblings, LaRayne Purdham, John "Bud", Jimmy and Phillip Miller. Survived by children, Joe, Don (Bernie), Randy (Lita) Garry (Sonia) and Tim Cantin; 9 loving grandchildren & 10 great-grandchildren; siblings, Faye, Denny, Karen, Phyllis, Judy, Mike, Donna, and Steve; dear companion, Ed Penz and a gazillion nieces and nephews. Visitation 1:00 PM, with Memorial Service 2:00 PM Saturday, July 13, all at: [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)  
Werness Brothers Chapel 952.884.1615 2300 West Old Shakopee Road

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Cardinal, Cheryl A. Age 73, of Stillwater. Full notice to follow. Bradshaw 2800 Curve Crest Blvd, Stillwater 651-439-5511

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Carlson, Glenn David Age 99, died peacefully July 2, 2013. He was preceded in death by beloved wife, Lu and sister, Emily. He is survived by son, Lee (Kathy) Carlson; daughter,

Cheryl (Douglas) West; and granddaughters, Amanda West and Andrea Carlson. Glenn was born in Minneapolis and served in the army during WW2 in the European theater. After discharge from the army he settled in Edina where he and Lu built their home. Glenn was a devoted husband, loving father and very proud grandfather. His passion after his family was biking. He started biking as a child and fell in love with it. He raced in the 1930's winning several trophies. He biked thorough out the US, Canada and Europe well into his 80s. Glenn embraced life and had a never ending quest for knowledge. He will be greatly missed. A special thanks to the nursing staff at Tower Light and Fairview Hospice. Glenn was a charter member of the Normandale Lutheran Church. Services will be held at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd., Edina on Wednesday, July 10 at 3:00 PM with visitation one hour prior to service. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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Carpentier, Jon L. age 62, of Minnetonka, passed away on July 3rd after a 3 1/2 year battle with cancer. Born in Ft. Dodge, IA, he graduated from Patrick Henry HS in Mpls. He worked in the restaurant business all of his life, where he fulfilled his desire for serving people. Jon's true mission was in serving Christ and he was an inspiration to many young people in his role as a teacher for Children's Ministry at Plymouth Covenant Church. Jon lived his life with passion and love and viewed his battle with cancer as a true blessing that allowed him to spend quality time with his family and to volunteer his time to other ministries over the past few years. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Carpentier; son, Brian Carpentier and daughter-in-law, Stephanie Carpentier; and four grandchildren: Clayton and Dalton Carpentier; Cossette Carr of St. Michael, MN; and Danielle McIntosh of Foley, MN. Memorial service 10:30 AM Saturday, July 13th at Plymouth Covenant Church, 4300 Vicksburg Lane North, Plymouth MN 55446. Luncheon to follow. Memorials

to Our Lady of Peace, 2076 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 or Plymouth Covenant Church.

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Casmey, Howard B. A memorial service for Howard 'Hap' Casmey will be held on Friday, July 12 at 1:00 p.m. at Wayzata Community Church, 125 Wayzata Blvd. E, Wayzata, MN. Howard died at his home near Washington, DC in February. His full obituary is at <http://www.startribune.com/local/west/194555911.html>

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Christenson, Janice H. age 90 of St. Therese, New Hope. Full notice Sunday, July 14. Memorial Mass Thursday, July 18. Gearty-Delmore 763-537-4511

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Chun, John M. 84, of Mound. Designer, 1968 Shelby GT350/ 500 Cobra. Memorial service held Mon., July 8, 10 am, First Presbyterian Church, 558 Co. Rd. 110, Maple Plain. Huber Mound Chapel 952-472-1716

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Ciskovsky, Dorothy (Andres) age 98, died July 2, 2013. She had 2 brothers, Bill and Jim Andres. Dorothy married Frank Ciskovsky in 1939. They had 3 children, Carol Bertelsen (Jerry), Sharon Cizek (Steve Lewis), Frank aka Buddy (Susan Fisher); 5 grandchildren, Amy Bertelsen, Bryan Bertelsen, Rick Gully (Kris), Jennifer Lonsky, Jesse Gully (Amy); and 2 great-grandchildren, Hannah and Madison. Predeceased by husband, daughter, Carol, and brother, Bill. A celebration of Dorothy's life will be on July, 19th at St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran church, 17205 County Road Six, Plymouth, MN 55447. Visitation at 10 AM, service at 11 AM with lunch to follow. Memorials preferred to St. Philip or Minnesota State Services for the Blind in St. Paul. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

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Clifford, Karen Ann age 70, of Princeville, Kauai, formerly of New Hope and Golden Valley, passed away Feb. 12, 2013. Memorial service to be held at Calvary Lutheran Church (7520 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN 55427 763-545-5659) on Thursday, July 11th at 11:00 am. Luncheon to follow at the church. Original obituary appeared Feb. 18th. Published in Star Tribune on July 7, 2013 .. Send Flowers Now

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“ *My condolences to the families involved. I am Helengrace's first cousin and met William when I was young. I believe he had a good sense of humor as I remember Helengrace's mother having also - Helen Blastervold Jesme. God Bless!*

*Louise Skogstad  
Hastings, MN*

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**Louise Skogstad** - July 19, 2013 at 07:56 AM

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“ *Linda Lane lit a candle in memory of William D Birch*



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**Linda Lane** - July 06, 2013 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Dear William Birch Family,  
Our sympathy is with you on the passing of your father and grandfather.  
We as children would be along when my father, Victor Blastervold visited with William's mother Ruby his first cousin in her home in Mpls so many years ago. I remember William was there at those visits also.  
(Victor passed away January 17,2013.)  
The children of Victor Blastervold  
Frann Blastervold-Olson  
Charles Blastervold  
Phyllis Dorsi  
Joanne Ulin*

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**Frann Blastervold-Olson** - July 06, 2013 at 11:05 AM