



## William John DeGidio, Jr.

August 20, 1985 - June 17, 2025

William John DeGidio Jr., 39, passed away quickly and unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm on June 17, 2025, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Will was born to Willam Sr. and Debra (Taylor) DeGidio on August 20th, 1985 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was raised on a beautiful lake in rural Garfield, where he learned to fish, hunt, drive a boat, race dirt bikes, and hobby all things outdoors. He was most in his element when he was cold and wet. After high school Will began working in the automation field for a local engineering company called Aagard. In 2006, he met and began dating Amanda Anderson, who promptly left the country for four months. The pair fell in love over endless prepaid phone card calls and old-fashioned letters. When Amanda returned to the U.S., Will quit his job and moved to the Twin Cities to start a life with his beloved. In 2011, Will and Amanda were separated once more when Amanda joined the Peace Corps. Will, ever one for a challenge, trekked out to a remote village in the middle of the rain forest and proposed. In 2013, the two were married outdoors at the Walker Sculpture Garden. Over that same time Will had been slowly but dutifully furthering his education at the Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and later Dunwoody College of Technology. In his final year of study, he was recruited by a Swiss engineering firm, Bühler, to work as a Project Engineer at their North American headquarters in Minneapolis. Will took great pride in his work and began a 14-year career, working his way up the ladder to the role of Director of the North American Automation Department. His technical and leadership

skills were admired by his colleagues and friends alike. Will and his wife loved to backpack in the Boundary Waters and traveled the world together, frequenting the Caribbean and adventuring to India, the Middle East, and many countries throughout Europe. They welcomed their first daughter Elliot (Elle) in 2017 and VanDetta (Vivie) in 2020.

The true joy of Will's life was being a father to his daughters. For them, he was a strong, proud provider who loved to bike, play, roughhouse, take them on the canoe to fish and teach them to use tools, as he renovated their home on the strength of his own labor. He loved to prepare delicious, elaborate meals after which the family took a walk together every evening, rain or shine. He read aloud to the girls their stories before bed each night and never took for granted a second of the special bond he had with his children. Will was a thoughtful, warm, and dedicated husband whose deep love for his family was apparent to everyone who met him.

Will was preceded in death by his older brother Donald. He is survived by his wife Amanda and daughters Elle and Vivie, his parents William Sr. and Debra, half siblings Tony, Nick (Nicole), Nina (Mark), and four nephews. He will be dearly missed by all.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **28.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Visitation

JUN **29.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

JUN **29.** 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for William John DeGidio Jr. in memory of William John DeGidio, Jr.



Washburn-McReavy - June 27, 2025 at 04:35 PM

ND

“ Nick, Nicole, and Julian DeGidio purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..



Nick, Nicole, and Julian DeGidio - June 28, 2025 at 12:22 PM

ND

“ Nick, Nicole, Julian DeGidio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..



Nick, Nicole, Julian DeGidio - June 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

ND

“ Nick, Nicole, Julian DeGidio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John DeGidio, Jr..

Nick, Nicole, Julian DeGidio - June 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

JK

“ *J. Keyzer lit a candle in memory of William John DeGidio, Jr.*



J. Keyzer - June 27, 2025 at 06:09 PM

JK

*Will was an incredible boss and a truly inspirational leader. He could make anyone laugh with his wit. He could make even the most serious meetings feel lighthearted. He was funny, smart, approachable and someone I always looked up to. He will be profoundly missed.*

*Heartfelt prayers and deepest sympathies are with his wife Amanda, the girls, and his entire family during this incredibly difficult time. May they find comfort in the outpouring of love surrounding them and in the cherished memories of Will.*

*J. Keyzer*

Jackie Keyzer - June 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TC

“ *Starting off*

Tina Carlson - June 27, 2025 at 03:10 PM

TC

“ *Willie- I will forever have fond memories of you. You were such a good person, and friend staring off in Kindergarten. You are deeply missed. I still can't believe you are gone, but will hold you, and your family in my heart forever! Miss you friend!*



Tina Carlson - June 27, 2025 at 03:09 PM

FL

“ From John & Debbie Lumpkin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..



From John & Debbie Lumpkin - June 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM

FL

“ From John & Debbie Lumpkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John DeGidio, Jr..

From John & Debbie Lumpkin - June 27, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..



June 25, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..



June 24, 2025 at 04:26 PM

KA

“ *Knobelsdorff Electric & Automation purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..*



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**Knobelsdorff Electric & Automation** - June 23, 2025 at 02:56 PM

NJ

“ *Nancy, Chris, Jesse, and Jayda purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of William John DeGidio, Jr..*



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**Nancy, Chris, Jesse, and Jayda** - June 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM

NJ

“ *Nancy, Chris, Jesse, and Jayda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John DeGidio, Jr..*

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**Nancy, Chris, Jesse, and Jayda** - June 23, 2025 at 10:36 AM