



William B. Hanna

October 27, 1950 - January 11, 2021

Hanna, William "Bill" B. 70, of Virginia/Mt. Iron, MN, died peacefully at home Jan. 11, 2021, surrounded by family. He was born Oct. 27, 1950, in N.E. Mpls., to John & Bernice Hanna. Bill was a passionate, longtime, award-winning journalist, serving as editor of the Mesabi Daily News in Virginia from the mid-1980s to 2016. He delighted in supporting Minnesota sports teams; loved to travel, especially to Colorado and Las Vegas; adored spending time with family & friends; and loved nothing more than cheering on his triplet granddaughters at their basketball games. A heart attack survivor, Bill received the precious gift of a heart transplant in 2017. He later battled terminal cancer, proving he was a fighter until the very end. Bill, a proud grandpa to granddaughters Addie, Bella, Lexi, Morgan & Brooklyn, is also survived by son, Brandon (MaryJo) Hanna; longtime love, Angie Riebe; sister, Mary Manske; brother, John "Henry" (Patsy) Hanna; many cherished nieces, nephews, family & friends; and treasured donor parents, Lynn & David Gilkey & family. Preceding Bill in death were his beloved daughter, Nicole; parents; brother, Tom; brother-in-law, Jerry; and hero heart donor, Ryan. Private family services will be held Jan. 30 at Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel. Celebration of Life services will be held in Mpls. & Virginia at later dates. Washburn-McReavy.com Northeast Chapel 612-781-6828