



## William "Junior" Kuusisto

May 8, 1944 - August 31, 2020

Kuusisto, William Eldon

Age 76 of Minneapolis, born May 8, 1944, passed away August 31, 2020. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Aulis Kuusisto, and sister, Nancy Abel. Bill will be deeply missed by sister, Laurie Singh, brother, Tom Kuusisto (Kathy), daughter, Katherine Abel (Mark), sons, Kyle Kuusisto (Karen) and Gavin Kuusisto, grandsons, Zach Abel, Caelan Abel, Christian Abel, Liam Kuusisto, and Fritz Kuusisto; granddaughters, Sophia Kuusisto, Jane Kuusisto, and Auli Kuusisto; three great grandchildren, two nieces, and one nephew.

Bill grew up in Minneapolis and Golden Valley, went to Robbinsdale High School, and graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where he played college football. He was a teacher in the St. Paul Public Schools at Monroe, Randolph Heights, and St. Anthony Park Elementary Schools. He was a business agent and business manager for the Labors Union Local 563 in Minneapolis, where he was member for over 50 years. Bill enjoyed coaching his kids' youth t-ball, baseball, and softball teams at Van Cleve Park. Bill enjoyed swimming and bicycling with his children and grandchildren. Bill was fond of pancake breakfasts with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed driving on cross country road trips. Bill was an avid sports fan, especially the Gophers, Vikings, and Twins.

A funeral service for Bill will take place at Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel (2610 19th Ave. NE, Minneapolis) on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 1 PM with a visitation one hour prior to the service. Memorials preferred to Southern Poverty Law Center or donor's choice. Interment Hillside Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **11**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel  
2610 19th Avenue N.E.  
Minneapolis, MN 55418  
(612) 781-1999  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall



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September 11, 2020 at 01:35 AM