



William Russel Turnquist

February 4, 1940 - May 29, 2025

Turnquist, William (Bill) R. Age 85, of Fridley, passed away peacefully May 29, 2025 with his wife at his bedside. Bill started working for the Mpls Parkboard at Gross Golf course when he was 15. After graduating from the University of MN, he moved into management at Theodore Wirth Golf Course, and finished his career at Columbia. His passions were golfing, skiing, traveling, and tending to his lawn. After an early retirement he made it to all 50 states as well as Australia, and China. He enjoyed spending his winters in Panama City Beach, FL. Bill loved to read, listen to music, and go for rides in his convertible. He was generous with his time and talents, always willing to help out and do things for others. Preceded in death by parents, William and Evelyn Turnquist; sister, Trudy Kreitz. Survived by wife of 62 years, Gayle; daughter, Trudy (Mark) Gust; son, Bobby (Becky) Turnquist; granddaughters Evelyn Turnquist and Clara Gust; sister Ruth Peck; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday June 28 at 11 AM at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, 1509 27th Ave NE Mpls with visitation one hour prior. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, or to the National Park Service <https://give.nationalparks.org>