



Willis (Bill) Anderson

May 26, 2016

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Willis was born in St. Paul, on October 22, 1950, to Willis S. and Dorothy J. (Norton) Anderson. He passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones on May 26, 2016. He is survived by Veronica, his loving wife of 38 years; Daughter Sue (Keith); Grandchildren Brandon and Veronica; Sister Dorothy (Richard); Nieces Jane (Jamie) and Sarah (John); Grandnephew Andrew, and many other relatives and loving friends.

Willis, known by his friends as Bill, graduated from North High School in Maplewood, Minnesota, where he played trombone in the marching band, and was an active member of the Amateur Radio Club. As an Amateur Radio enthusiast (WA0TCO), he received his first Public Service Award in 1979. He grew up helping his father's cabinet-making business, and their work can still be seen in many St. Paul homes and churches. Willis received his graduate degree (MBA), in 1987, from the College of St. Thomas. His travels spanned more than 26 countries and he lived in several Asian countries while serving as an Engineer for various US corporations. Over the course of his career, he received recognition and awards for his work in product engineering failure analysis.

He founded and operated Minnesota Automated Technologies until 1998,

when he suffered a massive stroke.

Willis enjoyed running and participated in 9 marathons around the world, completing the Twin Cities Marathon in 1986. Known for his outgoing and charming personality, Willis remained compassionate and courageous to the end, helping and praying with those in need wherever he stayed. He was active in fundraising activities for the MN Stroke Association and the MN Brain Injury Association. A beloved gentle man, who will be missed by many who knew him well.

A private memorial service will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute; 3915, Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.” – Hebrews 10:22.

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Tribute Wall

PJ

“ *That picture was from a very special day! Your beautiful daughter, Sue married my son, Keith! It was a joyous occasion and you were such a proud father!*

Pam Jessup - May 31, 2016 at 03:00 PM

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“ *I most treasure the memories of Bill up his family's cabin when he brought Veronica home as his bride.*

I remember our joint family trip to Disney Land. Sue May and Shawn were so adorable.

I also remember beautiful Christmas' at the Anderson house. Bill was so proud of all the most modern fixtures in the house. Those were happy days that sadly changed with his stroke.

May he rest in peace.

Sage

Mary - May 31, 2016 at 12:30 PM

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Our family was close to Bill's when I was a kid. Some of my fondest childhood memories are from times at their cabin on Knife lake. I was 9 years younger than Bill, so I was the baby of the bunch. I was thrilled when Bill would take us out in the boat. And I was totally amazed by his amateur radio hobby! Tonight I was thinking back to those times and wondered what ever happened to Bill. So I turned to Google and here we are. We called Bill's parents Aunt Dorothy and Uncle Willis, even though we weren't related by blood. Bill's dad and my dad were on the volunteer fire department in Gladstone together. To all the Andersons, thanks for the memories! David Fox

David Fox - February 28 at 04:01 AM