

Obituary

Robert Dale Spilman, age 78, died Friday August 12, 2022 at his residence in Detroit Lakes, MN. Bob was born December 1, 1943 to Robert Spilman and Violet Spilman (Menz) in Minneapolis, MN. Shortly after, his family moved to Brainard, MN where he spent his childhood. Bob attended Brown Institute where he graduated with a degree in Radio Broadcasting. He then moved to Detroit Lakes and was hired at KDLM on September 7, 1964. He would spend the next 30 years at KDLM bringing magic to the airways as everyone knew his distinctive radio voice. He was a marketing genius and helped bring success to so many businesses in the community. It was May, 1965 that he met the love of his life, Joyce, at KDLM when she was sent from the business school to work a week at the radio station. It was love at 1st sight for Bob and they married on September 4th, 1965. They would have celebrated 57 years of marriage this year.

In 1970, they built a home in Detroit Lakes and it is there where they shared many beautiful memories raising their 2 daughters Kimberia and Kara. One of Bob's many successes was putting his very own radio station on the air on July 4, 1994. KRCQ immediately became the #1 radio station in Becker County. The outpouring and support from the community was overwhelming but it was not a surprise. Bob had an undying and exceptional work ethic and he held people to high standards. He was a man of integrity and the ones who knew him best knew the tender heart of gold that he had.

Bob had a passion for watching every sport but his favorite to watch and attend was the Boy's NCCA Basketball games. He attended the Final Four games for 30 consecutive years. Bob had strong values and a deep deep love for the America he once knew. He proudly flew the flag every day and had undying love and respect for Veterans and the people who serve our country. Bob enjoyed playing countless games of cribbage with his daughter Kara where they still have a running tally of money owed to each other. Grandpa "Bob-Bob" loved spending time with his grandchildren and he was so proud.

He is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter Kara (James), daughter Kimberia and grandchildren Collins, Wilson, Keaton, Robert and Ben.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Remembering the Life of



Bob Spilman

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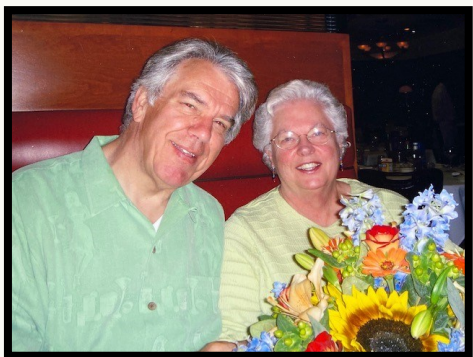
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



In Loving Memory of

Robert Dale Spilman

Born

December 1, 1943
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Died

July 12, 2022
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Funeral Service

Thursday-August 18, 2022-2:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by Father Chuck Huck

1st Reader Ken Buehler

2nd Reader Konnie Johnson

Petitions Lector Marit Engum

Gifts by Collins, Wilson and Keaton Cuka

Accompanist April Spaeth

Cantor Jamie McDougall

Pall Bearers

James Cuka Brian Johnson

Dave Wood Dave Conwell

Dave Neisen Roderick Johnson

Ken Buehler Kenny Johnson

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Arrangements by

West-Kjos Funeral Home & Cremation Services
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota