

Edwin (Ed) was born February 05, 1932 in Alexandria, Minnesota 3rd child of Edwin J Tanquist Sr MD. and Olive C (Johnson) Tanquist.

Ed graduated from Alexandria High School in 1950. He played trumpet in the band and orchestra for 8 years. He also played football, basketball and golf during his junior and senior year of High School, and was part of the basketball team that went to the State Tournament in 1950.

After High School Ed attended the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis from 1950 until graduation from University of MN Medical School in 1957. Ed and Bonnie (Swensen) Tanquist were married August 30, 1956 in the Congregational Church, in Billings, Montana. At the time Ed was serving 3 months as a noncommissioned officer in the Coast Guard at Crow Agency Hospital located in SE Montana where the Crow and Cheyenne Indians were served. They finished their respective colleges at the University of Minnesota. Their senior year they had quarters at the Anoka State Hospital, where Ed was Admitting Physician for newly arrived patients during nights and weekends, and finished medical school by day. Bonnie continued her course of study including practice teaching at various city schools. Ed and his bride, Bonnie, moved to Panama in 1957 where he completed his residency in General Surgery and Internal Medicine. Their sons John and Bruce were born in the Canal Zone before returning to the States in 1960. Ed then joined His father in Alexandria, MN, in general practice before welcoming their daughter, Faye, to the family who was born in Alexandria in 1961.

In the 1960s, Ed learned to fly aircraft, adding several aviation certificates. He was a certified private, commercial and instrument instructor, for both ground and flight school. He had a single engine, twin engine, float and ski plane rating. In 1967 he was awarded Mr. Aviation for the State of Minnesota. During his years of flying Ed also recorded an astounding 492 parachute and sky dives.

Additionally, Ed and Bonnie were certified scuba divers. They also loved golfing, fishing, boating, water and snow skiing, and traveling by air and land.

In 2001, at the age of 69, Ed shot his age twice in golf, a remarkable accomplishment.

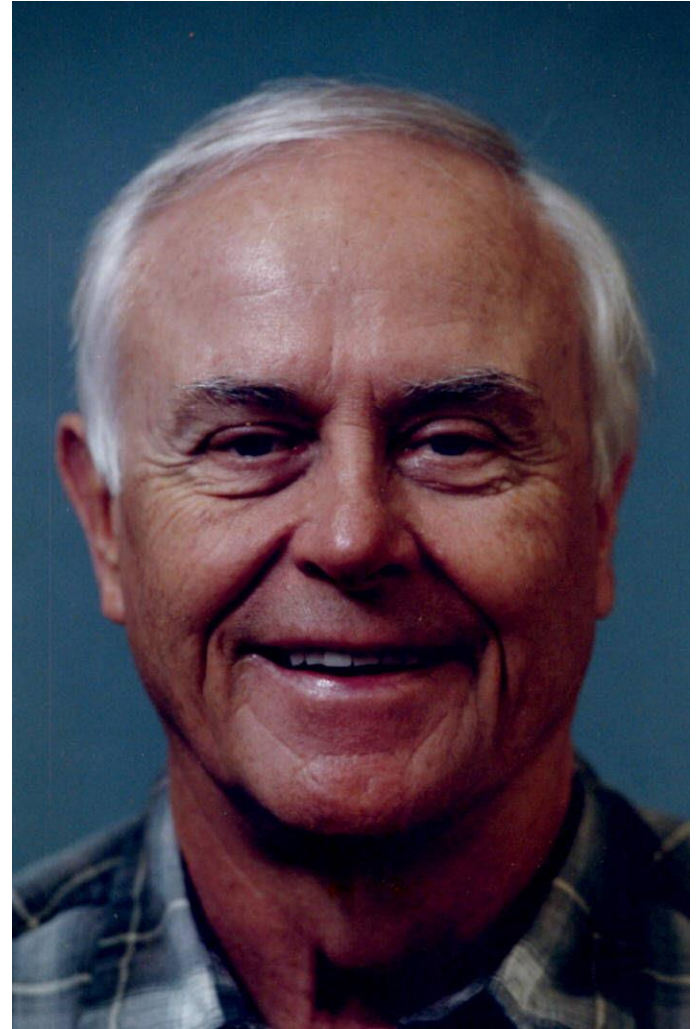
Ed and Bonnie have been lifelong members of the Congregational Church. Ed was a choir member from grade school through High School. Ed was involved with Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowship. Ed attained the rank of Eagle Scout and became a boy scout leader.

On Sunday July 18, 2010 Ed was confirmed in St Luke's Lutheran Church, Garfield MN. Ed sang in St Luke's choir and especially enjoyed the Mens Prayer Group on Wednesdays. His membership at St Luke's and association with Pastors, group studies and Mens prayer group resulted in a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ and Christianity. He was also a member of the Golden K.

Ed is survived by his wife Bonnie, of 66 years, his three children, John Tanquist, Bruce (Sheila) Tanquist and Faye (Mark) Westwood, two grandchildren Joe (Merit) Tanquist and Justin Tanquist, two great grandchildren, Jaxson and Raelyn Tanquist, sister-in-law Betty Swensen. He much enjoyed spending time with many nieces, nephews and wonderful lifelong friends whom he cherished.

Preceded in death by his parent, sister Joyce (Quentin) Dunnum, sister Audrey (Robert) Kloehn brother-in-law Tom Swensen, daughter in law Colleen Frey-Tanquist, grandson Connor Westwood, niece Bonnie Dunnum, nephew Robert Kloehn.

In Loving Memory



Dr. Edwin "Ed" Tanquist Jr.

February 5, 1932 ~ September 16, 2022

***For Those I Love,
For Those Who Love Me...***

*When I am gone, release me, let me go...
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
But let my spirit calm your fears,
I gave you my love. You can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone!*

*So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories that lie within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
So if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All of my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then, when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

In Loving Memory of
Dr. Edwin "Ed" Tanquist Jr.

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Memorial Service

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Garfield, Minnesota
Thursday, September 29, 2022
11:00 AM

Officiating

Pastor David Gran

Organist

Margaret Kalina

Soloist

Greg Kappahn

Honorary Urn Bearers

Justin Tanquist Joseph Tanquist

Inurnment

Kinkead Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota