



GENTLEST Heart of Jesus
ever present in the Blessed Sacrament,
ever consumed with burning love
for the poor captive souls
in Purgatory, have mercy on
the Soul of Thy departed servant.
Be not severe in Thy judgment but
let some drops of Thy precious
blood fall upon the devouring flames,
and do Thou O merciful Saviour
send Thy angels to conduct
Thy departed servant to a place of
refreshment, light and peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.





Al attended St. John's University in Collegeville, MN, and was proud to play football for the Johnnies. On November 16, 1957, Al married the love of his life, Mary, in St. Paul, MN. Together they nurtured a family filled with love and cherished memories. Al is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, and children: Sons John, Joe (Jasmine) and Jim (Teri), and daughters Jenifer Jirele (Mike Fratto), and Jane (Scott) Johnson. He was a proud grandfather to 19 grandchildren and adored great-grandfather to 9 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his in-laws: Tom Grebin, Peter Powell, Susan and Stan Rydell, Jane and George Vasiliou, Peggy and Dan Betlock, Greg Powell, Jim and Pam Powell, and Ted Powell, as well as many dear nieces and nephews.

Al devoted 32 years of his professional life to Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance in St. Paul, MN where his work was marked by diligence and integrity. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish a Christmas wreath business, flourishing for an admirable 35 years. He was also an inventor and author of his own book, and enjoyed many spirited games of cribbage. Al was a passionate outdoorsman with a love for both hunting and fishing, and was a longtime member of Duck's Unlimited and supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project. He was known for his outgoing and fun-loving nature, his love of sports, and his advice and encouragement to many.

In addition to his remarkable career and family life, Al would most like to be remembered for his faith in Jesus. He was a dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for 20 years, and a longtime member of the Cursillo Movement, and shared his faith with countless individuals over his lifetime.

Al was preceded in death by his loving parents, Ed and Rita Jirele, brothers Ed Jirele and his wife Shirley, Neil Jirele and his wife Marge, and Orrie Jirele and his wife Marie, sister Cleo Grebin, and sisters-in-law Marian Kliger (Powell) and Eileen Powell.

Allan's memory will be treasured always, for he lived with purpose, humor and an unwavering devotion to those he loved.

Allan D. Jirele



Born

July 29, 1935 | Austin, Minnesota

Passed Away

September 4, 2024 | Breckenridge, Minnesota

Age

89 Years | 1 Month | 6 Days

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 AM | Wednesday, September 11, 2024
St. John's Catholic Church | Wahpeton, North Dakota

Concelebrants

Fr. Paul Kuhn and Fr. Chris Kemp

Organist

Mary Jane Pauly

Cantor

Karen Kreller

Pallbearers

Allan's Grandsons

Congregational Hymns

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name" | "Immaculate Mary"
"Panis Angelicus" | "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"

Interment

Calvary Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota