Michael Kent Maloney, 74 years young, unexpectedly passed away outside of his Lake Sallie home on September 27th, 2022. "Mike" was born November 14th, 1947 in Hennepin County Minnesota. He moved to Detroit



Lakes, and attended a country school in Lakeview Township.

At the age of 12 he attended Washington Elementary where he met his lifelong partner, his Queen, Ilene, to whom he married in 1966. Together they raised three children, Elizabeth, Patrick, and Brian. The family spent most of their early years on Willow Street in Detroit Lakes. Mike and llene moved their family to McDonough beach on Lake Sallie, to a plot of land that was homesteaded and farmed by his grandfather. Mike embodied every aspect of a Shoreham local by raising a toast with friends at Hotel Shoreham, playing copious rounds of golf at Detroit Country Club and Saturday morning beer golf on the "Short Side", where he would offer up six foot "gimme" putts. In addition to being a fixture on the course, he enthusiastically participated in the Lake Sallie 4th of July Boat parade and Jaycees Water Carnival Sand Sculpture contest. His fine talent for illustration paired with his artistic vision positively impacted the community. His caricatures of friend's milestone birthdays were legendary. After 43 years of service with Snappy/Standex (where he went from bending metal on the shop floor to being the VP of Sales), he retired to Lake Sallie and Venice, Florida. Aside from his devotion to his career, his family and friends were his true passion. His ability to light up a room, tell story after story (maybe a few repeats), and make everyone feel welcome by assigning them a heartfelt nickname or sharing a massive hug were his greatest traits. He will be greatly missed by all of those he touched.

Michael is survived by: His wife llene, daughter Elizabeth (Todd),



sons Patrick (Kristie), and Brian. His grandchildren, Lindsey, Micah, and Connor. Six siblings, Chris, Kathy, Brian, Ann, Kevin, Dan, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: Parents Jack and Lois Maloney, and infant daughter Annete.

Remembering Mike





A Poem About Mike by Karen Daggett

Such a special person To everyone that knew him A light that lit up every room, Such fun to say we knew him.

We all have favorite memories Of all his silliness A friend to all who crossed his path A joy to have his presence.

This man could do most anything A help in time of need, It just required a phone call, He was the first with a good deed.

He deeply loved his family llene, kids, and grandkids The best of the best he always said They were highlights of his day.



Golf was at the top of the list, To get something done each day, He walked and talked to all his friends With laughter, joy and ease. There was no stranger in his life Just a friend he hadn't met He gave you a name so he could know And welcomed you as his next friend.

Bluntly honest, but always true He said it with a smile, No harm was ever meant, we knew Just Mike's way of talking to you.

The sadness of this day Is there will be no more His deeds of kindness left its mark On the gift that touched us all.

There is a lesson to be learned, Make everyone feel special And you will have a life well blessed Like Mike would tell you so.

In Loving Memory of Michael Kenz Maloney

<u>Memorial Services</u> Monday–October 3, 2022–2:00 p.m. Shoreham Chapel Shoreham, Minnesota

> <u>Officiated by</u> Pastor Tim Cook

<u>Music by</u> Celes Swanson Dan Brekke

<u>Arrangements by</u> West–Kjos Funeral Home Detroit Lakes, Minnesota