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## **Dempsey, Terence M. "Terry"**



age 91 of New  
Ulm, died  
September 2,  
2023 in Bloo-  
mington, MN.  
Terry was  
born in  
Henderson,  
MN on Febru-  
ary 17, 1932  
to Mark and

Mable Dempsey. Terry was preced-  
ed in death by his parents, two  
brothers, John and Jerome, a sister  
Janet Ann (George) McWilliams.  
A second sister, Colleen, died in  
infancy. He is survived by his son,  
Matthew (Anne) Dempsey and  
grandchildren Emma and Ethan of  
Bloomington, MN.

Terry graduated from Henderson  
High School and the College of St.  
Thomas after which he joined the  
Air Force. After completing his  
military service, he earned his JD  
from Hastings College of Law in San  
Francisco. While in California, he  
met Janet Helm. They married in  
1963 and moved to New Ulm, MN  
where Terry joined the Somsen &  
Dempsey law firm. In 1978, Terry  
was elected to the Minnesota  
House of Representatives becoming  
minority leader in the 1991-92 ses-  
sion. Gov. Arne Carlson appointed  
Terry district court judge for  
Watonwan County in 1992 where he  
served until retirement in 2002.

Funeral mass will be held 11am, Sat-  
urday, October 14 at St. Mary's  
Catholic Church, New Ulm with visi-  
tation one hour prior. Following the  
service, "An Irish Farewell" will be  
held for both Terry and Janet at  
Turner Hall from 1-4 pm in New Ulm.

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