

Sarna, John Joseph



a lifelong resident of NE Minneapolis, passed away peacefully at age 86 on April 20, 2021. His biggest joy in life was family. He and his wife

Ann (Chamberlin) were married for 60 years. They raised their daughters Beth (Duane Sheaser) and Barb (Paul Kronlokken). He absolutely adored his 4 grandchildren John, Annie, Matthew and Ellie Kronlokken. He was a loving uncle and friend to everyone.

He served 24 years as State Representative in the MN House of Representatives (1972-96). He was respected and loved by both colleagues and constituents. John earned the label "Mr. Consumer Protection" authoring many bills including the "lemon law" guaranteeing consumer protection on new or used vehicles, and the bill allowing reading glasses to be sold anywhere. Perhaps his biggest legacy is the preservation of the historical Minneapolis Stone Arch Bridge. In 1991, the bridge was earmarked for train use, but he envisioned it for pedestrian use and saw it as a catalyst to revitalize the downtown riverfront. He created a committee including historical preservationists, engineers, and neighbors and passed legislation to successfully save the bridge for public use.

John accomplished much but never wanted the credit - he was a selfless public servant.

He enjoyed summers at his cabin in Deerwood, MN, where he gifted others with his love for fishing and golf.

He was generous, had a keen sense of humor, great smile and many funny one-liners.

He was passionate about his Catholic Faith and Polish Heritage. He is preceded in death by his beloved son Michael, parents John & Josephine (Gworek) Sarna, siblings Lorraine (Leo) Vanyo, Dorothy (Wayne) Lundberg, and Robert Sama.

He was a great man and will be dearly missed.

A private family service will be held on Tuesday, April 27 at 11:00 am Washburn McReavy Chapel on 2901 Johnson St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418.

Others encouraged to watch the LIVESTREAM at Washburn-McReavy.com John Joseph Sarna tribute page under Photos & Videos.

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