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Ferderer, Robert Joel



Age 75. Loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away surrounded by his family on December 30, after a long struggle with Parkinson's

plus disease. Bob was born in 1934, raised on the East Side of St. Paul, and graduated from Johnson High School in 1952. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of St. Thomas and was employed by 3M Corporation for 34 years, serving as Director of Communications and Government Affairs. After retirement, Bob returned to St. Thomas as a student and once again became a friendly fixture on campus. Bob was a leader in a variety of organizations, including the Minnesota State Legislature (representative of District 64A in 1973-74) and numerous State boards. In addition, he ran for Mayor of St. Paul in 1970 and assisted with the political campaigns of many others. With humility and a positive spirit, Bob coached youth baseball teams for over 30 years, volunteered as a mediator, performed mission work in Guatemala, and was a Be-Friender at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Minneapolis. An athlete all his life, he was an avid handball player and a committed Twins and Vikings fan. Above all, Bob relished spending time with and supporting his family in their sports, dancing, acting and scholastic endeavors. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Adelaide; brother, Charles; sister-in-law, Janice Ferderer; father-in-law & mother-in-law, Robert and Helen Peterson. He is survived by his beloved spouse of 52 years, Gerry; his children, Robert Jr. (Sarah) of The Woodlands, Texas, Beth (Marcus) of Minneapolis, Peter (Bridget Ales) of St. Paul, and Andrew (Karen) of Burnsville; his step-mother, Arlene; brother, Richard (Gail); and nine grandchildren: Brady, Victoria and Olivia Daulton, Kip and Sigrid Ferderer, Andrew and Jillian Ferderer, Grace and William Ferderer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to HealthEast Hospice Care, 69 W. Exchange St., St. Paul, MN 55102. Visitation: 10:00 AM, liturgy 11:00 AM, reception following service, Saturday January 2nd at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 4537 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55419.