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### Cox, Raymond R.



age 66, of Northfield, MN, died Friday, November 3 at his home in Northfield, surrounded by family, after a seven-year battle against cancer. Ray was an accomplished businessman and owner of Northfield Construction Company. He was also a dedicated public servant, who served two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives and 15 years on the Northfield School Board, as well as numerous other committees and organizations. As a devoted member of the First United Church of Christ, he taught Sunday school, served as a trustee, and volunteered on numerous church committees. Though Ray was a man of many talents and roles, those that were most important to him were husband, father and grandfather. He always wanted to be present and involved in family life and made sure his wife and three children knew they were his highest priority. Left to honor Ray and remember his love are his wife of 42 years, Ellen Cox; his three children, Tristan (Beth), Marja (Sam) Steinberg, Diana (Mike) Stepanek, and seven grandchildren, Charlotte and Christopher Cox, Leo, Winston and Calvin Stepanek, and Teagan and Daxton Stepanek; brother Tom Cox (Emily Damron), Jennifer Cox Johnson (Bill Johnson), Robert Cox (Kathryn Jamison), Sarah (Ross) Currier, and Virginia (Bob) Kearney. He was preceded in death by his mother Marjorie (Herrmann) and father William Gould Cox. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 25th at 10:30 am at the First United Church of Christ in Northfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Ray's name to the UCC, the Community Action Center, or HealthFinders.

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