

Milton Lueneburg – BS 1950 Pharmacy

Milton Richard Lueneburg, 95, of Hutchinson, Minn., passed away Sept. 2 at Hutchinson Health. Memorial service was Friday at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, with the Rev. Paulus Pilgrim officiating. Organist was Austin Willhite and soloist was Jim Wendling, who performed "The Lord's Prayer" Faye Giese and "On Eagle's Wings." Congregational hymn was "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Special music was "A Closer Walk With Thee." Honorary urn bearers were Noah Lueneburg and Adam Lueneburg. Urn bearers were his grandchildren Megan Lueneburg, Liz Muir, Drew Lueneburg and Chris Lueneburg.

He was born July 24, 1928, at home in Herman, the son of Richard and Melvina (Hedstrom) Lueneburg. Milt was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in his faith as a youth, both at Bethel Lutheran Church in Herman. He attended rural School District 69, through eighth grade before moving on to public school. Milt graduated in 1946 from Herman High School. He furthered his education at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, and North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota, where he received his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy in 1950.

After graduation, Milt practiced pharmacy at Arneson Drug in Montevideo for two years before joining the Upjohn Drug Co. for 12 years as a sales representative residing in Duluth and later Willmar.

While in Duluth, he met the love of his life, Darlaine Slover. They were married on Nov. 17, 1956 at Holy Trinity Church in Duluth. This marriage was blessed with three sons, Bradley, Steven and David. In late 1962, Milt and Dar purchased Popp Rexall Drug in Hutchinson where they moved their young family in the spring of 1963. In 1973, they renamed the business to Family Rexall Drug. Through nearly 30 years of ownership, they grew the business, eventually expanding it to two locations. In 1982, they purchased a home on Lake Washington near Darwin, and embraced all the amenities this life had to offer. After 40 years in pharmacy, Milt retired in 1991 to spend more time at their beloved lake home and to travel to warmer weather during the winter, seeing a lot of the U.S. through the windows of their motor home, eventually choosing Mesa, Arizona, for their "winter getaway." They moved to the Village Co-op in Hutchinson for an easier lifestyle as they got older. Milt and Dar shared 61 years of marriage until Dar passed away on Nov. 28, 2017. In the fall of 2021, Milt moved to the Ecumen Pines, but still managed to be fairly independent, cooking many of his own meals until the end.

While in Duluth, Milt was active in SPEBQSA (barbershop singing) as a member of the Duluth Chorus and singing bass in the Dukes of Duluth Barbershop Quartet. During his time in Hutchinson, Milt was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, serving as president and singing in the choir. He was also a member of The Optimist Club, Darwin Rod and Gun Club, president of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Masonic Temple. Milt served two terms on the Hutchinson City Council. From 1977-1987, Milt had the privilege to earn a position as an instructor for the Dale Carnegie Leadership Course. For recreation, Milt enjoyed a love/hate relation with golf, loved hunting, boating, and touring the U.S., but most of all, enjoyed the numerous fishing adventures with Dar and his sons.

Blessed be his memory.

Milt is survived by his sons, Brad Lueneburg and his wife, Jeri of Darwin, Steve Lueneburg and his wife, Pam of Burbank, California, Dave Lueneburg and his wife, Carrie of Woodbury; grandchildren Megan Lueneburg (Roberto Ferrini) of Italy, Liz Muir (Nick) of Colorado, Noah Lueneburg of California, Adam

Lueneburg of California, Drew Lueneburg (Kara) of Washington, Chris Lueneburg of Oregon; great-grandchild Max Muir; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Melvina Lueneburg; wife, Darlaine Lueneburg; and sisters, Lorraine Hansen and Evelyn Giese.

Arrangements were by Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson.