

## **Gregory Stofer – MS 1966 Counseling**

Stofer, Gregory Jon Age 82, former 49-year resident of Burnsville, who lived in Prior Lake since 2023, died on March 23, 2024, at St Francis Medical Center in Shakopee. He was preceded in death by parents Kenneth and Alpha Stofer and brother Brad Stofer. Born in Minneapolis on January 15, 1942, Greg attended school in Fergus Falls, the Blue Grass area, and Wadena.

While living in Blue Grass, Greg enjoyed working as a farmer's helper as a preteen. The family moved to Wadena where Greg participated in football, basketball, and track, graduating from Wadena High School in 1960. He enrolled at Concordia College, Moorhead where he played football and served as class president. Greg graduated from Concordia in 1964 and spent the next year driving a cross-country Mayflower moving van. Then he entered NDSU and earned a Master's of Science in Counseling. During that time, he met Sandy Fossum who became his wife in 1967. Greg attended Luther Seminary in St Paul graduating with his Master of Divinity degree in 1970. He joined the counseling staff at Normandale Community College in Bloomington where his optimism, enthusiasm, and sense of humor helped him connect with thousands of students he counseled over 35 years.

He was a longtime active member of Burnsville's Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and a dedicated volunteer in the Burnsville community, especially enjoying coaching youth sports. Greg found joy in all his endeavors and served as a courier for Be the Match for several years after retirement. He will be remembered for his faith, compassion, sense of humor, adventurous spirit, housebuilding skill, can-do attitude, and boundless love. He introduced his kids and grandkids to every playground in the area and was a proud fan in the stands for countless games and activities.

Greg is survived by his devoted family, including his wife of 57 years Sandy; son Kevin (Alyse) Stofer; daughter Kellie (Seth) Schoenbauer; grandchildren Lukas and Kyra Stofer and Sam and Kate Schoenbauer; sisters Julie (Larry) Doth, Elaine (Glenn) Moulton, Dora Jimenez; brothers Martin Stofer, Randy (Lu) Stofer, and many extended family members and friends.

Greg's Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday 4/6/2024 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 13801 Fairview Dr., Burnsville, MN 55337 with visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 am and lunch following the service. Memorials in Greg's honor may be donated to Prince of Peace or a charity of your choice.