

Deceased Classmates

Tim Askwith (2004)

Askwith, Tim P.



Askwith Tim P. Askwith, age 46, of East Bethel. Preceded in death by sister, Eileen. Survived by best friend and loving son, Joe; parents, Vic & Jean; brothers; sisters; many other relatives and friends. Visitation Wed. 12:00- 2:00 PM Miller-Methven -Taylor Funeral Home, 831 40th Ave. NE. Mass of Christian Burial Wed. 2:00 PM, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE. Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers. Miller-Methven-Taylor Columbia Heights 763-788-3338
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Daniel Bell

Michael Byrnes (Micky) (2005)

Byrnes, Mickey

Byrnes, Mickey age 48, of Pompano Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on August 23, 2005. He is survived by daughter, Christina Sullivan and 4 grandchildren; Haley, Hannah, Elijah and Alexander Sullivan; mother, Rosemary Byrnes, father, Fred Byrnes, and his brothers, Glenn, Kevin and Paul. Mickey graduated from Columbia Heights Senior High School in 1976. Visitation and Interment will occur on Saturday, Oct. 22, 1-3 pm, at the Sunset Memorial Park and Funeral Chapel, Mausoleum, 2250 St. Anthony Blvd., Mpls, Mn, 55418, 612-789-3596.
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Kerry Cipperly

Jeffrey Gagnon (2008)

Jeffrey Gagnon

Gagnon, Jeffrey age 50, of Minneapolis, passed away suddenly from heart failure on Sunday, April 27, 2008 at his home. Visitation will be from 5-8 PM on Sunday, May 4 at the Miller-Heights Chapel, 831 - 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights. Memorial service will be at 12:00 noon on Monday, May 5 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Miller-Heights Chapel Col. Hgts. 763-789-3338 www.methven-taylor.com
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Mary Hamann (2005)

Douglas Hill

Keith Keller

Christine Klietz (2001)

Leroy Kropelnicki

Joseph Laliberte

Joseph Morin

Timothy Mrozka

Roberta (Bobbi) Odegaard (2004)

Odegaard-Morton Bobbi L., age 46. Born July 8, 1958, passed away July 15, 2004. Celebration of Life at McBee's Saloon, 2196 Hwy 47, Ogilvie, MN October 2nd, 7 PM. Graduated from Columbia Heights, 1976. Lived in Georgia with family from 1995-2004. We love you and miss you. Published in the Star Tribune on 9/26/2004.

John Pappas (2007)

John Pappas



Pappas, John 50 years, of Columbia Heights. U.S. Navy veteran and member of Pipefitters Local 539. Survived by daughters, Rachel C. and Elena M.; son, Jimmy G.; parents, George & Eleanore Pappas; sisters, Joan (Tom) Pappas, Mary Ann (Stan) Zak, Donna (Dave) Roberts, Sally (Tim) Gorman and Angie (Dan) Richey and many family members and friends. Life-time member of Kraus-Hartig VFW Post 6587 and American Legion. Funeral Service Thurs. 11 AM, Messiah Lutheran Church, 2848 County Rd H2, Mounds View. Visitation Wed. after 4 PM at the Kapala-Glodek Funeral Home, 230 13th Avenue NE, Mpls. and also at church 1 hr. prior to service. Interment Fri. 10:30 am Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Assembly Lane #5. KAPALA-GLODEK 612 378-1331
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Ron Rauch

Terry Reopelle

Sandy Skalicky (2007)

Sandy J. (Skalicky) Presnail



Presnail, Sandy J. (Skalicky) Age 49, of Brooklyn Park, suddenly passed away on March 7, 2007. She is survived by her husband, Brian; sons, Sean (Ellen) and Derek; father, Ron Sr. (Teri); sister, Debra (Dale Holland); brothers, Ron Jr. (Cheri) and Dan (Sue); mother-in-law, Betty; and brothers-in-law, Mark (Lisa), Paul (Rose), Peter, and Jim (Lina); 12 nieces and nephews; other family and many friends. She was preceded by her mother, Maggie; and father-in-law, Greg. Sandy was born October 13, 1957. She graduated in 1976 from Columbia Heights High School, attended the University of Minnesota and graduated from Metro State University. She was a dedicated employee of Health Partners for more than 20 years. Sandy was deeply respected for her selflessness, poise and class, and will be dearly missed by friends and family alike. Memorials preferred to Camp Superkids. Private interment. Funeral service 11 AM Monday, March 12, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 9100 – 93rd Avenue No., Brooklyn Park. Visitation at the church one hour prior to service and Sunday 2-6 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 – 19th Ave. N.E.

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Tony Snyder (2005)

Snyder, Robert A.

Snyder Robert A., "Tony, Bones", age 46, of Columbia Heights. Survived by parents, Robert and Sharon; brother, Tom; sister, Wendy Mady; nephew, Travis Mady; friend, Bart Mady; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Private family service. Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999



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Bryan Stout (2004)

Stout, Bryan D.

Stout Bryan D. Stout, age 46, of Fridley, passed away peacefully June 25, 2004. Preceded in death by father, Glenn. Survived by son, Ben; mother, June; brother, Craig (Kathy); special friend, Joy Friedman. A gentle man who loved his family, friends, neighbors, dogs, cooking, gardening, golf and antiques. Graduate of Columbia Heights High School, B.A. University of St. Thomas. Sales Mgr., Maxi-Switch Co. Kurt Mfg. Co. Electronics Div., Reason Technology. Memorial service Friday, July 9 at 2:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel. Visitation one hour prior to service. In lieu of flowers, memorial preference: Canine Health Foundation, P.O. Box 37941, Raleigh, NC 27627-7941, or Bryan Stout Memorial Fund Columbia Heights High School Golf Team, or donor's choice. Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel 4101 Central Ave. NE 763-789-4436

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Patricia Stover

Joe Taillefer (2004)

Taillefer, Joseph R.

Taillefer Joseph R., age 45, of Spokane, WA, formerly of Col. Heights. Sadly missed by parents, Robert & Barbara; sister, Cindy of San Diego, CA; brother, Wayne of Blaine; son, Travis; daughter, Jamie & 3 grandchildren of Spokane area; 3 nephews & numerous friends & family in both Spokane & Twin Cities. Memorial service pending.

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Taillefer, Joseph

Taillefer Joseph. Memorial Service. Sun., April 18 at 1:30, Nativity Lutheran. Church, 3312 Silver Lake. Rd. NE. Info at 763-572-8526.

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Michael Thomas

Kent Tyroll

Deceased Teachers

Robert L. Hoberg "Bob" (2009)



Hoberg, Robert L. "Bob" age 64 of Richfield. He was an elementary teacher for thirty years with the Columbia Heights Schools, past president of the teacher union, volunteer at St. Stephens Homeless Shelter, Hennepin County Project Homeless Connect, the Hiawatha Golf Course and was a longtime member of it's men's club, also known as the "go to guy" for help, be it car trouble or creeping charlie. Preceded in death by brother Gene and sister Gloria. He is survived by wife, Peggy; children, Allysen Hoberg, Nicholas (Amanda) Hoberg; grandson, Henry; nephews Jeff & Tim; nieces Cyndee and Heidi and several other nieces and nephews. He will be missed by several friends and neighbors.

Memorial service Wednesday 7:00 PM at Morris Nilsen Chapel, 6527 Portland Ave. Family will greet friends one hour before service. Memorials to St. Stephen's Homeless Shelter. Morris Nilsen Chapel 612 869-3226 www.morrisnilsen.com

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Edward Vukelich (2007)

Edward J. Vukelich



Vukelich, Edward J. age 79, went peacefully to the Lord on March 1, 2007 with the love and prayers of his family at his side. Preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Mary Vukelich. Ed is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Mary Ann and children, Bruce (Sue), Mary Jo (Tom) Baatz, Judy (Ed) Cannon, Steve (Lori); grandchildren Jenny (Ed) Adkisson, Allison, Christine, Matt, Katie, Maddie, Liz, Hannah, Laura, Molly, Meredith and great-grandson, Nolan. He is also survived by his brothers, Nick and Mark (Ruth) and sister, Mary Ann (Bill) Sullivan and many other relatives and friends. Ed was born and raised in Gilbert, MN. He was a US Navy veteran and a retired high school teacher at Columbia Heights for 39 years. He was also an avid outdoorsman. Mass will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (155 County Road 24, Medina) on Thursday, March 8 at 1 PM with visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Diabetes Association. Rest in Peace our beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather. David Lee Funeral Home Wayzata 952-473-5577



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Elsie Ek (2009)

Elsie Josephine Ek (Norha)

Ek, Elsie Josephine (Norha) Age 85, long time resident of Columbia Heights, born in Embarrass, later a resident of New Brighton and Roseville. Preceded in death by husband, Norman; parents, Eino and Alma Norha; brothers, Arthur and Arnold and sister, Ruth. Survived by children, Charles (Janet), Barbara (David) Yarusso, and Diane (Mark) Adler; grandchildren, Alexandra (Corey) Sullivan, Andrew Adler, Anthony Yarusso, Robert Adler, and Jason Yarusso; sisters, Esther (Steve) Babiracki and Bertha (Charles) Maki; sisters-in-law, Esther Norha, Martha Norha, Deloris Ek, and Elizabeth Dahl; aunt, Marjatta Yli-Olli; many cousins in the US and Finland and many nieces and nephews. Elsie's love of science led to an early career in medical technology, including serving in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, and a later career teaching science in Columbia Heights. Elsie earned a BA in Science (Univ. of Minn. Duluth), a certificate in Medical Technology (Northwestern University), and a BS in Science Education (Univ. of Minn. Twin Cities). Elsie enjoyed her family, cooking, and drawing. Together she and Norm enjoyed travel, the great outdoors, an outings with their grandchildren. Elsie will be remembered by her children and grandchildren for her loving involvement in their lives. Funeral service 10 AM Friday, September 25, 2009 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights 55421 (763-571-9721). Visitation 5-8 PM Thursday at Miller Funeral Home, 6210 NE Hwy 65, Fridley 55432 and in church Friday 1 hour prior to service. Luncheon follows service. Interment 1:30 PM Friday at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The family would like to thank Debbie Dahmen, RN, along with the entire staffs at Eagle Crest Commons and Brightondale, and the interdisciplinary teams on A7 and Palliative Care at North Memorial Medical Center. Memorials preferred to the [American Heart Association](#) or the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer (Dept. of Natural Resources). Miller Funeral Home Fridley Chapel 763-571-1300



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