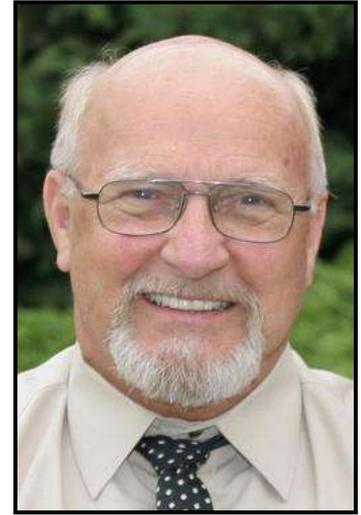


Dallas Dean Carlson
(December 10, 1940 - November 1, 2014)

Age 73, of Elk River, went home to be with Jesus November 1, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. He is remembered for the color he brought to everyone he touched, and his unique ability to make people laugh. Survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Mary Jo; children Chris (Deb) and Kelly (Jeff); and grandchildren Sam, Ben, Maddie, Michaela, Taylor and Andrew. Dallas is also survived by his sister, Joanne Turcotte of North Oaks. He was born on December 10, 1940 in Pine City to Paul and Genevieve (Sundboom) Carlson. He was raised in Southeast Minneapolis where he attended Marshall High School. On July 21st, 1962 he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jo McCann. Together they had one son and one daughter. Dallas enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing and snowmobiling, but his greatest passion was for family, and especially his grandchildren. He loved to support his grandchildren and could always be found aggressively cheering them on at the field or racetrack.



Dallas was an incredibly gifted artist, visionary and entrepreneur. He was a graduate of the Minneapolis Institute of Art and went on to have a successful career as a commercial artist where he worked for Process Displays in Minneapolis and later started his own display business, Displays, Inc. In the late 70s, Dallas and Mary Jo followed a dream and purchased a resort on Mille Lacs Lake which they operated into the 80s. In the early 90s, Dallas designed a unique aftermarket snowmobile accessory called The Lightshield, which was the impetus for Sportech, Inc., an Elk River powersports company which today employs over 225 people. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be deeply missed.

Visitation Tuesday evening from 4 to 7 pm at Gateway Church, 13913 185th Ave NW, Elk River, MN 55330, with a celebration of life service Wednesday, November 5, at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at Orono Cemetery. Memorials preferred to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Arr. Dare's Funeral Home 763-441-1212
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