

**A Service
in Loving Memory**



John Ross Brandrup

May 23, 1930 – October 11, 2023

First Presbyterian Church

512 3rd Street SW

Rochester, MN 55902

October 27, 2023

11:00 a.m.



*The Brandrup family appreciates your presence here today.
At the end of the memorial, you are invited to the parking lot
for the presentation of military honors
in appreciation of John's service,
followed by a luncheon reception in the Social Hall.*



Participating in today's service:

Rev. Thomas J. Parlette, *Pastor*
John Stender, *Director of Music*

Honorary Pallbearers:

Mike Gorman, Bill Roth, Laird Tesch and Jack Westgard

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In Memory of John Ross Brandrup

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

- ♦ **Hymn 643** Now Thank We All Our God

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Scripture Readings

From the Old Testament

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalms 23

Psalms 121

From the New Testament

Romans 8

John 14

In Remembrance

Mike Gorman

Meditation

Rev. T.J. Parlette

Memorial Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

- ♦ **Hymn 326** For All the Saints

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Benediction

Postlude

- ♦ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit

John R. Brandrup

John Ross Brandrup passed away peacefully on October 11, 2023. He was 93.

John was born in Mankato, Minnesota, on May 23, 1930, to Holly Jeans and Lucille (Ross) Brandrup. He was raised in Mankato along with his brother, Morgan. John loved to play basketball and played throughout his youth, highlighted by playing on his high school team that was runner-up at the state championships. After graduating from Mankato High School in 1949, John attended Dunwoody Technical Institute where he earned a degree in architectural drafting. In 1953 John enlisted in the army. That same year he married the love of his life, Virginia (Ginny) Spangler. The army took John and Ginny to Germany where they lived until his discharge in 1955. Upon his discharge, they moved to Rochester, Minnesota, where John took a job in the drafting department at Kruse Lumber. That same year they started their family with their first of what would be three children—Dave, Karen, and Paul. While weekdays were for work, weekends were for camping. Whitewater was where you could find the Brandrups, making lifelong friendships in the process. John's love for basketball took him to the Rochester YMCA where he was introduced to what would become his real passion—racquetball. He could always be found playing at the local courts or in tournaments throughout the state. His efforts were rewarded with a state title in 1977 and the gold medal in The Arizona Olympics in 2010. His dedication to the game also earned him induction to the MN Racquetball Hall of Fame as well as the Rochester Racquetball Hall of Fame. In the spring of 1976, he was able to open his own business, Brandrup Associates Inc., a residential building company, something he and Ginny had planned for some time. He presided over the business until his retirement in 2016. Sadly, on July 22, 1976, he lost his beloved Ginny to a lengthy battle with cancer.

In the following years John began motorcycling. He, along with close friend, Bill Roth, were able to see the greater part of the southern and western United States on their many trips. They even achieved the prestigious claim of the “Iron Butt” for driving 1,000 miles in a single day. In April of 1981, John married Nancy (Hogle) Nolan and welcomed her children, Theresa Nolan, and Tim (Diane) Nolan to the family. John and Nancy loved to travel all throughout the US and parts of Europe. They eventually settled on winters in Carefree, Arizona, and summers at Ham Lake, Wisconsin, with their home base still Rochester.

Always an active person, his later years didn't slow him down. Morning coffee with the “boys” was a must. As was Monday night “splitting a pitcher” of beer at the VFW with Bill and the Whitewater crew (a tradition that has gone on for over 50 years). He tried hang gliding, hot air ballooning, whitewater rafting and sky diving (his first jump was with grandsons Adam and Lee at 86 years old. His second jump was at age 90 with daughter Karen, son-in-law Al Holtan, and son Dave). He was an active member in the First Presbyterian Church, Rochester Rotary, Score, and the Rochester Area Builders Association. He lived a very fulfilling life, but his greatest joy came from being with his family. Father's Day at Paul's was his highlight day of the year. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were always the most important topic of conversation. We will all miss him dearly.

John is survived by his children Dave (Helen), Karen (Al) Holtan, Paul (Sharon), daughter-in-law Diane Nolan; grandchildren Chad Brandrup, Adam (Whitney) Brandrup, Justin (Laura) Swenson, Kristina Swenson, Alec Brandrup (Ashley Bunting), Lee Brandrup, and Kiera Nolan; great grandchildren Caleb Hawkins, Mason Brandrup, Jeremiah Swenson, Ella Swenson, Parker Brandrup, Peyton Brandrup, Nyomie Swenson, and Maliyah Swenson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ginny Brandrup; brother, Morgan Brandrup; wife, Nancy Brandrup; his stepdaughter, Theresa Nolan; his stepson, Tim Nolan.

The family would like to thank Dani and Seasons Hospice as well as Marquita and the staff at Homestead Senior Living for all their kindness, compassion, and care.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 512 3rd St SW Rochester MN, Friday, October 27th, at 11:00, Pastor TJ Parlette officiating, with a visitation starting at 10:00. A private family grave site ceremony will be held at a later date. Following a light lunch, the family invites you to join them at the Rochester VFW to “split a pitcher” and celebrate John's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Mayo Comprehensive Cancer Center or the Mayo Clinic Heart Research Foundation.