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William Robert Spece, 75, of St. Paul, Minnesota, died peacefully at home on October 27, 2026. Will is survived by his wife of four decades, Judith Hurd, his daughters, Ryahn and Mara Spece, and siblings Susan Despard, Michael Spece, and Christine Moen.

Will was born December 22, 1950 to parents William and Jean Spece in Minneapolis, where he attended Southwest High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota. Will spent his career in furniture sales, working his way up from the Gabberts warehouse to the sales floor, and eventually establishing his own independent wholesale furniture sales business. He made many friends on his travels throughout the Midwest.

Will was a man with a big heart and a big laugh, who never met a stranger and believed in the fundamental good in people. He was an avid card player who belonged to a bridge club, and loved playing hand and foot, 500, cribbage, and hearts with family and friends.

Will was a maker and doer who loved to build things with his own two hands. A nature lover and outdoorsman, he enjoyed annual fishing trips with old friends. In his later years, he volunteered with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, protecting the wetlands he loved and the creek he raised his daughters on.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts be made to Freshwater, where Will became a Minnesota Water Steward.

A celebration of life will be held in the Twin Cities in spring 2027, with details to follow.

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“You’ll never learn any younger.” - William Spece