Evans Nordby
FUNERAL HOMES



Ralph Wallace "Wally" Bistodeau

October 24, 1947 - November 22, 2026

Bistodeau, Ralph (“Wally”) Wallace Jr. left this life on November 22nd, 2026 surrounded by family. Preceded in death by his parents Ralph Sr. and LouAnn Bistodeau. Survived by wife of 53 years, Jorgette, sons, Travis (Jill) Bistodeau, Luke (Sarah) Bistodeau, daughter, Jessica Bistodeau, and three grandchildren, Will, Shelby, and Adam.

Wally graduated from Benilde High School in 1965 and received a bachelor's degree in teaching from Saint Cloud State University in 1969.

Wally served in Vietnam as a corpsman and surgical technician at the 24th and 93rd Evac. hospitals and was honorably discharged in the fall of 1971. Then in spring, he worked as a surgical tech at Glenwood Hills Hospital where he met Jorgette, also a tech. They married 18 months later and three children followed over the next nine years.

Wally was an involved dad who taught his kids to get things done on the cheap. He taught all his kids how to clean fish, maintain a vehicle, wire electrical outlets, and do basic plumbing repair. He taught Jessica to play softball and bragged of her youth skills at shortstop up until his death. He emphasized time with family and kindness towards others.

Wally worked for N.W. Bell for 26 years as a lineman, splicer, and engineer. After his retirement, he found a new career as a park service officer for Three Rivers Park District, and retired for the final time in 2014.

Wally enjoyed time at the cabin with family and friends, especially the grandkids, and roadtrips out West. He was a long-time member of his neighborhood softball team, fished, played golf, skied, and hunted deer, pheasant, ducks, and geese. He was an avid reader of history, especially Native American topics. He loved being frustrated by the Twins and Vikings. At 77, he began playing pickleball.

Wally was widely considered a “character”, an epic storyteller, always ready to tell or hear a joke, had a unique sense of humor, and an instantly recognizable and frequent laugh. His frequent hot button topics were taxes, vehicle purchases, and financial planning. He was a man who could fix anything, regularly attended Sunday Mass, loved to grab a beer at the Legion, and intentionally lost at cards when playing with his grandkids. Wally’s family goodbyes were always accompanied by a forearm handshake and the saying "strength and honor”.

A Visitation for Wally will be held on Tues. 12/8/26 from 5-7PM at Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, 34 2nd St. NE, Osseo. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wed. 12/9/26 at 10AM at The Church of St. Gerard, 9600 Regent Ave N., Brooklyn Park, with a visitation starting at 9AM at church. Interment at Ft. Snelling.

Visitation

Tuesday, December 8th 5-7PM

Evans-Nordby Funeral Home, 34 2nd Street NE, Osseo, MN

Driving Directions

Mass of Christian Burial

Wednesday, December 9th 10AM

The Church of St. Gerard, 9600 Regent Ave N., Brooklyn Park, MN

Driving Directions

Burial

Wednesday, December 9th 1:30PM

Ft. Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Ave S.
Minneapolis, MN 55450

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