



A lasting memorial has been given to  
**Spirit of Hope Church**  
In memory of  
**Richard “Dick” Rudeen**

January 20, 1934 - October 12, 2009  
*“Unceasing care and devotion to family and community”*

Dick was a successful business man, community leader, husband, father, and grandfather. His thoughts and talents led to the betterment of the community. He was known to say, “When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”

He was one of four founders of the Golden Valley Hockey Association in 1967 and served on the board of directors for Golden Valley Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball. He was a coach for Golden Valley Little League football. He was active with Golden Valley School District 275 prior to its merger with Hopkins in 1990. He also served on a variety of committees at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club.

As a member of Golden Valley Rotary since 1989, he was a past president, and recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award in 1992, District Rotary Presidential award in 1995, and Golden Valley Rotarian of the Year award in 2004. A Golden Valley Rotary “Dick Rudeen Teacher Fund” was established in his name in 2009.

He helped start the “Strive Program” for Armstrong students and an email program for assisted living homes. He was a charter and board member of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota for 14 years.

He attended Carleton College on a scholarship and lettered in hockey. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1957 and was a member of Triangle Fraternity.



In his free time he enjoyed family, friends, fishing, playing golf, snow and water skiing, and traveling.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Margaret; son Kent (Janelle); daughter Kristyn (Bill) Heegaard; grandchildren Nathan Rudeen, Leighton Rudeen Heegaard, Sophia Rudeen Heegaard; sisters, Dianne (Bill) Chapman and Karen Rudeen; brother-in-law, Bob Erskine; many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

