



## Melvin "Mel" Lommel

April 8, 1938 - February 28, 2022

A Celebration of Life will be 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2022, at Wenner Funeral Home in Richmond, MN. Friends and family may gather at the funeral home one hour before the service.

Mel was born on April 8, 1938, in St. Augusta, MN to Raymond and Florence (Eversman) Lommel. He graduated from Cathedral High School. Mel proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1964, then earned a degree from the St. Cloud Business College. He returned to St. Cloud and was united in marriage to JoAnn M. Scholen on June 17, 1961, in St. Joseph Church, Waite Park, MN. They resided in St. Augusta for several years before moving to Luxemburg.

Mel worked for Cold Spring Granite Company for 48 years and while with the company he traveled in the U.S. with wife JoAnn, making many special friends along the way. He retired as General Manager of the Memorial Division and was admired and loved by many.

Mel enjoyed many activities including fishing, hunting, trips to Alaska and Canada with friends, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, coaching little league, and playing softball for Seagull Marine. He treasured spending time with family and friends at the cabin.

Mel is survived by his wife of 60 years, JoAnn; daughters, Julie (Bill) Becker, Jackie Lommel (Chad Molitor), Stacy (Ray) Gregory; son, Ryan (Missy); grandchildren, Elizabeth (Ted) Freese, Melissa Schmitt, Nathan and Justin Becker, Nicky (Andrew) Bell, Deanna (Kohlton) Schmidt; great-grandchildren, Carson, and Weston Freese, Eliza, Myla, Clara Bell; and many family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Maynard.

A heartfelt thank you to the CentraCare Hospice team of caregivers for all the love and support they have shared with Mel and his family.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Richmond  
151 Oakwood Ave. SE  
Richmond, MN 56368

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin "Mel" Lommel*

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January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Oh My, After all this time i just heard about the man who guided me into my career! I looked up to Mel and learned so much about our crazy industry!  
RIP my friend!*

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**James Pancake** - January 04, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“ *Mel,  
you were the BEST neighbor my parents could have asked for. A genuine friend, a prankster, gardener, fisherman and Dad's squirt gun fight partner. My family is so blessed to have been part of your life.  
My boys loved you as a bonus Grandpa and enjoyed spending time with you whenever they could. You opened your ice shack to them and the crappies they caught, in your honey hole, were delicious!  
They couldn't wait for you to tell them about your outdoor adventures and share theirs with you.  
I can still hear your incredible laugh and see your contagious smile.  
We will forever be grateful that we shared so many summer days at Gladstone Lake/ Happy Rock Lodge.*

*Lots of love to your family  
Noelle, Jason, Logan and Keaton*

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**Noelle Berken** - April 04, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mel" Lommel.*



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April 04, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ *Mel was the first guy my dad introduced me to at Royal Melrose in the earliest of days and over the years became a close friend of the family. Mel was always so generous with his time and had many interesting stories to tell. Mel was one of the reasons I stayed in the memorial business and his positive attitude and his compassionate approach to sales that he mentored me with has stuck with me my whole life. National conventions and "Mississippi Days" were always more fun with Mel around. I wish there were more like him in the world. One of the Good Guys that truly made a difference. Rest in peace Mel.*

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**Robert Luken** - March 28, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss! Mel was a great mentor and boss! Mel hired me in November, 1990 to be a regional sales manager at Texas Granite in Marble Falls, Tx. He told me to treat all customers as equals including support staff as you never know who will be your best customer and friend. Mel was a huge supporter of the Monument industry and was one of the first Certified Memorialist as a wholesaler. He made a difference.*

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**Scott Giddings** - March 22, 2022 at 08:34 AM

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“ I remember Mel taking me out for my first sales trip to west. We went to Spokane. Then onto Astoria Oregon for sales and a little Sturgeon fishing has a blast. Mel was fun to travel with He knew a lot of folks out west. One thing he told me to do and not to follow his footsteps in the regard to sales. stop and Smell the roses or see if there are fish in that stream. Tough act to follow. You'll be missed

thomas miller - March 21, 2022 at 03:22 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Melvin "Mel" Lommel.



March 06, 2022 at 04:27 PM

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“ I coached little league baseball with Mel and learned a lot about how to treat the boys and girls. he always had a positive attitude weather winning or loosing. and was always fun to have a beer later and talk about his adventures in life. And his son Ryan was always one of our better players.

victor harren - March 03, 2022 at 12:37 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss! How he will be welcomed by his treasure of a brother, Maynard! Men with real class, gentle, and so loved by many! Mel's suffering is over, and only good times ahead as he will be with you always as your special angel! 🙏

Renee Kunkel - March 02, 2022 at 10:53 PM