



Dean Tollefsrud

September 5, 1926 - April 21, 2016

Dean Tollefsrud, 89, of Rockford died on April 21, 2016 in Willows Health Center. Born on September 5, 1926 in Beloit, WI, son of Nile and Edith (Beardsley) Tollefsrud. Served in the US Army during WWII. Graduate of East High School class of 1944 and Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance in 1951. United in marriage to Patricia Wolff of July 11, 1959 in Rockford. He was Purchasing Manager for Elco Industries, Inc., retiring in 1992 after 41 years. Member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, where he served as a board trustee, and on the buildings and grounds and memorials committees. Dean was active in the Center for Learning In Retirement. He enjoyed traveling the world, traditional jazz and the performing arts. Member of the Rockford Ski Club, the Rockford Breakfast Lions and the Rockford Chamber of Commerce, where he started the Leadership Rockford program. Survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Tim Tollefsrud of Thailand, Kay (Walter) Walls of Tacoma, WA, Lee (Hope) Tollefsrud of Oakland, CA; grandchildren, Theo Tollefsrud and Cameron Walls, both of Tacoma, WA, Sionne Tollefsrud of Oakland, CA; brother, Gerald Tollefsrud of Rockford. Preceded in death by his parents; brother, Richard Tollefsrud and first wife, Jean Ward Tollefsrud. Celebration of Life on April 30, 2016 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford, 4848 Turner St. Rev. Matthew Johnson will officiate. Memorials may be made to the church. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Unitarian Universalist Church, Rockford
4848 Turner Street
Rockford, IL 61103

Tribute Wall

HA

“ So sorry to read about Dean's death. Allan and Dean were in the famous 1944 East High school class, and always enjoyed their times together.. We usually sat together at the Stockholm Wednesday morning high school get together, reminiscing about the old days, and talking about Dean's adventures in travel and the artistic world. What a wonderful life he had, Many great memories..
Helen Anglemire

Helen Anglemire - April 30, 2016 at 12:20 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dean Tollefsrud.



April 28, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JW

“ I met Dean when I joined the Rockford Breakfast Lions Club over 20 years ago. He impressed me as being a kind, caring person who always wanted to help and be an all-around good citizen. I appreciate his friendship and good attitude as we performed our Lions Club duties over the years. I and everyone associated with our Lions Club will deeply miss him and his involvement. I offer my condolences to Pat and all the family.

John Wickman

John Wickman - April 27, 2016 at 11:10 AM

PS

“ I was involved in New American Theater for many years and that is how I met Dean and Pat. They were loyal patrons and I saw them often. I always looked forward to seeing the two of them and I liked Dean so much. Pat too, such nice folks, always warm and friendly. Condolences and blessings to Dean's family and friends.
Pat Bauerlein Staaf

Pat Bauerlein Staaf - April 27, 2016 at 09:33 AM

SF

“ Dean was a great fellow. He was always pleasant. A great asset to CLR and to the whole community. Sue Foley

sue foley - April 25, 2016 at 04:34 PM

JS

“ Pat and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Dean's death. I remember several of the trips you two lead that I enjoyed very much. My deepest sympathy to you all.
Joan Schmelzle

Joan Schmelzle - April 25, 2016 at 03:49 PM

CA

“ So sorry to see the obituary. Dean will surely be missed at the monthly High School Breakfast. Know that prayers are with the family as you go through the passage for him. Cathy Adams

Cathy Adams - April 24, 2016 at 02:05 PM