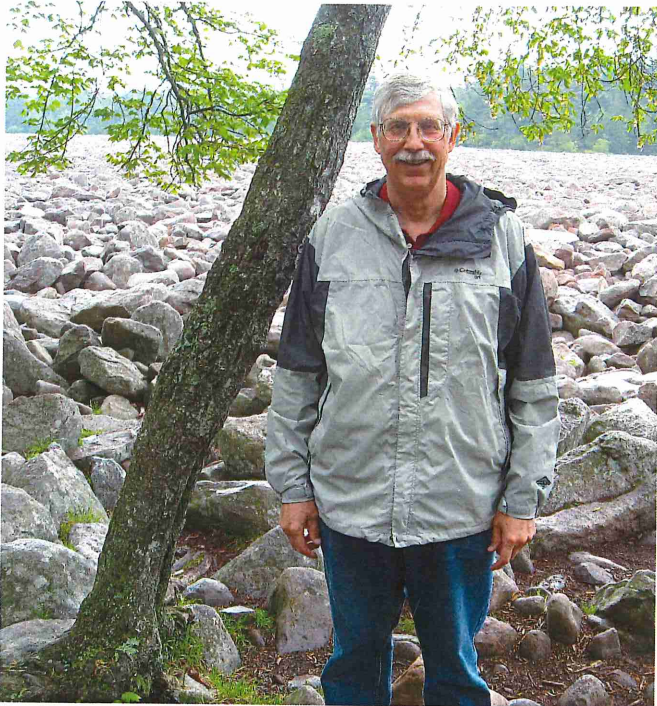


*A Service of
Thanksgiving and Celebration
For the Life of*

Bruce Thompson



**March 28, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Oak Knoll Lutheran Church
600 Hopkins Crossroad
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Bruce David Thompson, age 77, of Plymouth, MN, passed away on March 19, 2026. Bruce was born July 30, 1948, in Rochester, MN, to Albert and Frances (Fox) Thompson. He graduated from John Marshall High School in Rochester in 1966 and attended Rochester Junior College and the University of Minnesota. He married Marilyn Schultz, on June 9, 1969 - they had met in high school math class, and he started doodling in her textbook. They had one daughter, Jessica.

Bruce worked in Public Works for the City of Fridley and the City of Plymouth before beginning a 38-year career in the Transportation Division of the Public Works Department of Hennepin County. He had an avid interest in computers and became the de facto "IT guy" both at work and for family and friends. He loved photography; he took photos for the Rochester Junior College yearbook and ran a photography business on the side with a friend as a student. He belonged to a bowling league for years and kept up weekly golf games until recently. Bruce loved driving, whether racing in his younger years, as a fearless instructor for his daughter as a teenager, or on long road trips. He developed an interest in classical music through his daughter, a professional violist, and was a regular attendee at St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and Schubert Club concerts, and he was a dedicated "groupie" of his daughter's string quartet, the Daedalus Quartet, traveling to any concert they performed within driving distance (and sometimes beyond). On summer weekends, he and Marilyn could often be found enjoying Minneapolis Pops concerts at Lake Harriet. Bruce was also a loving grandfather to his two grandsons, with whom he shared a love of baseball, tech, trivia, and corny jokes. He had the ability to have a conversation with anyone, and he was quick to volunteer his time to help others.

We have gathered to worship the God who has loved Bruce with a never-ending love and in whom he now dwells in life after life.

Bruce David Thomspson

July 30, 1948 ~ March 19, 2026

Prelude:

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Hymn #686: “*We Give Thee but Thy Own*”

Greeting & Prayer

Solo

Remembrance

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 23

Gospel Readings: Matthew 5:1-11

Hymn #629: “*Abide with Me*”

Meditation:Pastor Jay Rudi

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The Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn #423: “*Shall We Gather at the River*”

Postlude.....

At the conclusion of this service, the family will have a private inurnment in the Oak Knoll columbarium. They invite you to begin lunch in fellowship hall immediately after this service and they will join you after the brief committal service.

Pastor
Jay Rudi

Musician
Matt Cerar

Violist
Jessica Thompson

Streaming Director
Stephen Murray