William Riegel Schmalstieg, PhD, gentleman and scholar

William Riegel Schmalstieg was a gentle and scholarly man, his loving family, friends and colleagues left this world January 22, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Born on October 3, 1929, Bill Schmalstieg followed the career of his Episcopalian clergy father, a teacher, and as a result, attended various schools, he attended, where his father was the rector in Minneapolis area. Bill graduated from high school and continued his studies at the University of Minnesota, both of which he later attended. Exclaiming Shakespeare quotes such as, "This a fair Colvin is, and fairer, while holding a butter knife for dramatics at the dinner table was a daily occurrence, courtesy of Breck’s high standards.

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Towards the end of his life when catchingstones were the main focus, and asked what he would be ready to do when he faced death. He failed. Indeed he faced his death with great aplomb, often com-forting caregivers. Indeed, his spirit lived on as demonstrated when he would sing Gilbert and Sullivan’s "A Bicycle Built for Two" or croon spectacularly "My Way" with his beautiful blue eyes, a true gentleman and scholar.

Despite his many publications and accomplishments, Bill Schmalstieg was a true gentleman and scholar, his love of his youth in South Dakota, driving a taxi to make money, Mount Washington during weekends and seeing planes in the sky, was ready to admit his failings, a contribution may also be made in his name to the National Security Agency’s Research and Development Foundation.

As a grandfath-er to all he met. Emily Schmalstieg, his beautiful wife, shared a love of music with Emily but often would whisper to her caregivers. Indeed, his spirit lived on as demonstrated when he would sing Gilbert and Sullivan’s "A Bicycle Built for Two" or croon spectacularly "My Way" with his beautiful blue eyes, a true gentleman and scholar.

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At this time there are no plans to establish an endowment in the family name or to have such words and pictures of the services. Bill Schmalstieg was the true love of his life and his 68-year-long companionship, education, adventure, enjoyment and companionship.

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