

Dick Klecatsky, long time member of the Minnesota Boat Club, passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022, at the age 75.



*Dick Klecatsky, standing second from the right, next to his brother, Larry, on his right side. His other brother, Tom, stands at the far-left side.*

*Pioneer Press photo taken in 1962 on the dock at the Minnesota Boat Club. The club was getting ready to race in the upcoming regatta on the Mississippi River.*

Dick passed away on November 4, 2022, peacefully with his family by his side at the age of 75 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a longtime member of the Minnesota Boat Club (MBC) and supporter of the North Western International Rowing Association (NWIRA) for many years. He began rowing at age 11 and competed for St. Thomas College, University of Minnesota, and the Minnesota Boat Club. Along with his two brothers, Larry and Tom, Dick has won many medals for MBC at the Royal Canadian Henley Championship, NWIRA, and U.S. Rowing National Championship. He was Captain of the club from 1967 to 1984, when he made sure that everyone, regardless of their abilities, who showed up at the boathouse were rowing on the water. Dick was also a longtime supporter of the NWIRA where he served as a delegate on behalf of MBC. He made many suggestions to improve the regatta, including scoring, the order of events and adding women's participation.

Dick attended St. Thomas College for two years and transferred to the University of Minnesota where he obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mortuary Science in 1969. After graduation, he joined his father's funeral business, Joseph S. Klecatsky & Sons Funeral Homes. He worked there over 50 years until he retired as co-owner in 2019.

Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Monday, November 14th at St. Thomas Becket, 4455 S. Robert Trail, Eagan. Luncheon at church follows the service.

Visitation 3-7 PM Sunday, November 13th at Klecatsky & Sons Eagan Chapel, 1580 Century Point, Eagan; and 1 hour prior to Mass at church.

Following the burial in South St. Paul, family and friends are invited to a reception in honor of Dick at the Minnesota Boat Club.