



Lars Erik Hagen

October 12, 1939 - November 7, 2024

Lars Erik Hagen departed his earthly life peacefully at home on November 7, 2024 at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra Kieninger Hagen, his son, Lars David Hagen, daughter, Melissa Tarpenning (Sean) and grandsons, Aidan, Keiran, and Rowan Tarpenning. He is preceded in death by his parents Hugo and Mildred (Hartzig) Hagen and sister Sigrid Hagen Grinius.

Erik was a graduate of Webster Groves High School - St. Louis, Elmhurst College - Chicago, Illinois and St Louis University where he received his Masters in European History.

Erik's career spanned 39 years in secondary education beginning in Pekin, Illinois. But the majority of his career was in the Parkway School District first at Parkway Central, Chesterfield, MO and then with the opening of Parkway West where he remained as head of the Social Studies Department.

Erik will be remembered for his exceptional memory, his enthusiasm for history, his joy of classical music including singing with the Bach Society of St. Louis for numerous years, and his arm chair knowledge of cars both antique and new. Erik is also survived by members of his recently found biological family who readily accepted him and arranged to include him as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), Fernando de Leyba Chapter.

A brief memorial service will be held at a later date at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Creve Coeur, Missouri.

We are grateful for the life he shared with us.

The Ortmann Stipanovich Funeral Home served the family.