

Erik Joe Magnusson

December 16, 1943 (Richmond Heights, MO) June 20, 1972 (Madison, WI)



Erik Jo Magnusson, 29, was born in Richmond Heights, MO on December 26, 1943, to Hjalmar Magnusson and Violet Lucille Kirby Magnusson Killebrew. A product of Rockford, IL Public Schools, Erik was active in West High School theater arts including the A Capella Choir, Madrigals, and Knights of the Turntable. He starred in “Wizard of Oz,” “H.M.S. Pinafore,” “Brigadoon,” and “Witness for the Prosecution.” He graduated with the Class of 1961. After High School, Erik achieved the rank of Airman 2nd Class in the United States Air Force. He and Kay Louise Higbee married March 16, 1967.

On the day he died, Erik, and friends drove from Rockford to Madison to play golf at the Lake Windsor Country Club. Erik had just completed his game when, according to the Coroner, Clyde Chamberlain and his Deputy, Donald Scullion, he collapsed from an apparent heart attack.

Erik was survived by his now late wife; mother; daughters, Laurie Ann and Christina Jo Magnusson, and Erika Lynn “Rikilynn” (Jeffrey Wayne) Shaffer; and grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kirby. He was predeceased by his father.

Arrangements were handled by Rockford’s Burpee Woods Funeral Home. He was laid to rest in the Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery.

References:

Wisconsin State Journal, June 21, 1972

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