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Wesley Dennis "Denny" Wedemeyer

October 3, 1942 - April 1, 2023



Wesley Dennis "Denny" Wedemeyer of St. Louis, 80, passed away in peace after many years of courage through illness.

Denny was born to Wesley and Kathryn (Osthoff) Wedemeyer in St. Louis in 1942. He was a graduate of St. Louis Country Day School, where he was president of his class. Denny graduated from Princeton University and earned his J.D. from Washington University School of Law. At Washington University, Denny met graduate student Susan Sherwood of Charleston, WV and the two married in 1969. In addition to his wife Susan, Denny is survived by their three children, Ann (Tony) Balsamo, Claire (Lou) Panopoulos and Theo (Piper) Wedemeyer and four grandchildren, Wesley and Dolores Balsamo, Marlowe Wedemeyer and Zoe Panopoulos. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Kathryn Winans, and his nephew Wesley Winans. Denny served his entire

professional career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Department of Justice. He retired in 2011 after nearly 40 years and was beloved and respected by his colleagues.

Growing up, Denny enjoyed summers with grandparents and cousins in Bay View, Michigan. With school friends just down the road in Charlevoix, Denny adopted the Belvedere as his summer community. For nearly forty years, Denny and the Wedemeyer family have been Belvedere renters and Gangsters. He loved to golf and was so happy to be at the Belvedere Golf Club each summer. In the last few years, he was content to sit on the cottage front porch with a good book and a Lake Charlevoix view, watching his grandkids enjoy Gang and the magic of being a kid on the Belvedere.

Denny had many dear and close friends – from Country Day and Princeton, Charlevoix, neighbors, colleagues, and church – friends that he met throughout his life. Denny loved and was loved. He smiled and engaged warmly with everyone he met. He was an intellectual who read voraciously, knew nearly every opera, and loved to travel. Denny had a delightful sense of humor, wit, and kindness. Always with a smile, he was so fond of his children, grandchildren, family, and friends.

A service in celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 11 a.m. at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church in St. Louis with a reception immediately following. Memorials may be sent to Ladue Chapel or MICDS (formerly St. Louis Country Day School) Class of 1960 memorial fund.