



## Milo Francis Mach

May 13, 1927 - December 21, 2018

Milo F. Mach, 91, of Austin died in the early morning hours of Friday, December 21, 2018 in the loving arms of his Kathy and sister-in-law, Kris at his side, in their home he loved. Milo Frances Mach was born on a farm in rural Lonsdale, MN on May 13, 1927 to Eugene and Beatrice (Schultz) Mach. His early years were spent in the area with his two older sisters and a younger brother. The family moved to Rochester when his dad had an opportunity to run a grocery store. This is where Milo learned his strong work ethics. He graduated from Lourdes High School in 1946. When he returned home after serving his country in the Navy during WW II, he started working at the Mayo Clinic. It was here he met the love of his life Margaret (Peg) Brennen. Together they spent 42 wonderful years before Peg's death in 1990.

Milo was an adventurer besides his work at Mayo he spent 32 years with Hormel, while there he opened Milo Mach garden center. He loved gardening, landscaping, the "sod", his trees and especially his customers and coworkers who became long lasting friends. He was a firm but fair boss whose motto was "turn and pivot."

He was a devoted Catholic who spent endless hours volunteering at both St. Edwards and St. Augustine Churches. He also served on the board of the Hormel Home, a proud member of the America Legion, Elks and the Moose.

In late 1990's he met his second wife Kathy. They wed at St. Pious Catholic Church in Rochester on June 29, 2006. They have spent the last 12 ½ years happy in their travels to sporting events, family gatherings, dancing and their home improvement projects.

Milo had been on hemodialysis for the last 15 years. He traveled to the dialysis unit 3 times a week in Albert Lea. There he met long lasting friends, his wonderful dialysis team, doctor and nurses, technicians, social workers, nutritionists, His bus driver Barb, Cindy, Blanca, Frank and especially Juan at Smart Transit who were always present and positive for him even though he struggled at times.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; his children Jane & Ron Flannery, Terry & Katherine (Kate) Mach, Cheryl & Stewart Olson; Step children Tyler & Jessica Hill, Ryan & Misti Hill and Tony & Amanda Hill; 6 grandchildren; 9 step grandchildren; with another due January 2019; 12 great grandchildren; sister in law Joann Mach, Bill and Jean Walker, Jerry and

Anita Brennen, Ardts Breenen, Lois Brennen, Peter & Kristen Banas, Paul & Peggy Sanders, Mark & Tracy Sanders, Jeffery & Kristen Sanders, special nephew Mike & Jenny Lipscomb; many other "special" nieces and nephews who loved their Uncle Milo, unconditionally

He was preceded in death; by his parents; his beloved first wife Peg; sisters Elaine Lipscomb, Dorothy (Sister Vitrex); younger brother, Jim Mach; Brother in Laws, Frances (Bud) John Brennen; nieces Mary Week, Kathy Brennen, Craig & John Koelsch; Sister in law Florence Brennen Koelsch

A man of strong faith who served his Lord, was an altar boy and at Navy masses. He will be dearly missed.

An extra special thanks you to the Father Steffes, Sisters Pat & Francine. Mayo Clinical Staff., The Smart Bus team and the wonderful hospice staff.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 am on Saturday, December 29, 2018 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Austin with Father James Steffes officiating, Friends may call one hour prior to the Service at the Church on Saturday.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church  
405 4th Street NW, Austin, MN, US, 55912

**DEC**   **Service**   11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Jane, I'm so sorry to see this. So sorry for your loss. I remember your Dad as such a nice guy....

Thoughts and prayers for you and your family,

Love

Kathy Johnston Turbott  
Sydney Australia

**Kathy** - January 28 at 12:29 AM

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“ Milo Mach meant a lot to me. He and his family were like my own. Terry and I were best friends growing up and Milo gave me my first real job in the Sod Business. I was 13, I think. He was a wonderful and caring person. We stayed in touch and I contacted him when back in Austin to see how he was doing. He was good friends with my parents and I felt very close to him. I will miss his smile and sense of humor. My best to all the family, he will be missed but always remembered John Bridley

**john bridley** - January 04 at 04:11 PM

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“ Dear Milo Family,  
We are so sorry to know of Milo's passing away. We lived next door to each other, many years ago, and we have fond memories of enjoyable visits with him and Peg. They were also very giving and helpful to us in those early days. We send our deepest sympathy to you all. Sincerely, Nancy and Dick Knowlton

**Nancy and Dick Knowlton** - December 29, 2018 at 08:23 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss, Kathy and family. Thinking of you during this difficult time.

**Stacy Tapp** - December 27, 2018 at 02:40 PM