



Beihl, Carl age 82, passed away November 9th.

Carl's family and friends knew him as a multi-talented creator and business executive with remarkably diverse interests. He was an artist, techie, voracious reader, avid traveler, wine connoisseur, foodie, dog-lover, US Navy veteran, and a merciless card player. In true unique style, he met his future wife, Lynn, 56 years ago, and within weeks they were engaged. Their loving partnership was a lifelong lesson in balance: Yin and Yang.

Carl's early life was shaped by his parents, Naomi and Bill, who raised their four children in an adventurous and imaginative world. At a very young age, Carl picked up a camera, leading to a lifetime of artistic pursuits. As an adult, his creative life flourished in the thriving community of artists at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. The art center was his creative home for more than 50 years. There, he expanded his artistic talents to include ceramics and abstract acrylic painting. In each medium, Carl developed his own "creative language," a skill that led to his distinctive creative style. His role at

the art center deepened as he became a photography instructor and board member. Carl was an ever-present supporters of the art center, dedicating many years to its growth and success.

Carl spent most of his professional career as an executive at Ameriprise. There he developed life-long friendships and his love of travel. Carl and Lynn travelled all over the world, and most enjoyed settling in with the local towns and villages, understanding the cultures, food and rhythms of local life. Over the years, many friends were lucky to tag along for these unforgettable adventures.

Survived by wife Lynn, brother Butch (Alice) Beihl, sisters-in-law, Kris Guenther and Paty(Dean) Brayton, brothers-in-law Jim Knutson and Dennis Noonan and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by parents, William and Naomi Beihl, sisters Roxann Knutson and Jeri Diane Noonan, nephews Chris Blaesing and Scott Beihl, brother -in -law Harry Guenther.

We'll celebrate Carl's life with an exhibit of his art later in January. For details check: www.minnetonkaarts.org

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Alzheimer's Association or organization of your choice.