



About the Author of:

## **Cooler Near the Lake: Fifty-two Favorites from Thirty-four Years of deadlines**

Jim Heffernan is a proud native of Duluth, Minnesota. He grew up in Duluth's West End and attended Lincoln Elementary and Junior High School and Denfeld High School before receiving his B.A. in Social Sciences and English from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 1962.

Following active service in the U.S. Army, Jim began his journalism career at the *Duluth News Tribune* and *Duluth Herald* in 1963. He served as a general assignment reporter, education reporter, city government reporter, *News Tribune* city editor, arts and entertainment writer/editor, and associate editor of the editorial pages in a career spanning 42 years.

For 34 years he also wrote a humor and "slice of life" column for the Duluth newspapers, which he continued—after retiring from full-time employment at the newspaper in 2005—until June 2008. He currently writes a monthly column for *Duluth-Superior Magazine* and maintains a blog at [www.jimheffernan.org](http://www.jimheffernan.org).

As a member of the *Duluth News Tribune's* editorial board and staff, he has contributed to editorials that have received several state awards. He also won a first place Minnesota Society of Professional Journalists award for a column about Hubert Humphrey, and in 1989 was presented a Distinguished Alumni Award by the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Jim lives in Hermantown with his wife, Voula, and together they are the proud parents of of Kate Heffernan Carson and Patrick Heffernan and grandparents of Paige and Jack Carson and twins Ben and Nick Heffernan and their new sibling, Ashton Patrick Heffernan, who was born just in time to get his name in this book.

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