



James Thomas Arone

March 21, 2017

James Thomas Arone, age 82 of Coon Rapids and Sugar Lake, Annandale passed away 3/21/17. Retired employee of Honeywell after 35 years of service. Survived by wife, Virginia (Ginny); daughters Janice and Sandra (Scott) Bergevin. Memorial service Tuesday 3/28/17 at 11 AM with visitation one hour prior at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 525 Jackson St, Anoka.

Jim was born and raised in NE Mpls and was proud of his Italian/French heritage. In 1947, his father and grandfather built a cabin on Sugar Lake near Annandale. Ralph Arone shared his love of fishing with his son and his mother, Agnes, often spoke of his gift for Italian cooking. Jim had nearly 70 years of memories at the cabin he loved on Sugar Lake.

In 1953, Jim graduated from Marshall High School in SE Mpls. He enlisted in the US Army in 1955 and served in Germany. He was an excellent rifleman and received awards for his skills.

One of Jim's army buddies, Hal Bous, introduced him to his sister, Ginny. Jim and Ginny were married in Mpls in 1958. In 1960, they moved to the then new suburb of Coon Rapids where they lived the rest of their married life and raised their daughters Janice and Sandy.

The family enjoyed annual summer trips and being with extended family, neighbors, and friends. The Arones took their first trip to Florida in 1975. They returned frequently and became snowbirds in 1994. They stayed in Clearwater Beach and Siesta Key. Jim loved the beach and ocean.

Jim was a Security Guard at Honeywell for 35 years. He retired in 1994.

Jim and Ginny continued to travel and enjoyed trips to many US destinations, China, and Europe. They went to Hawaii for their 50th anniversary. Their last trip was in August 2016 to Montreal and Quebec. Jim's favorite and most memorable trip was to China.

Jim's generosity, kindness, and humor will be missed by all. He was a loving husband and father and will live on in the memories of all who loved him.

Comments



“ Jim will be greatly missed at the lake. He always had a friendly smile and a big wave across the yard. Take care, my thoughts are with you in this challenging time of transition.

shelly isaacson - March 24, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ I was just reading today's newspaper and learned of Jim's death. I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed being your neighbor and am thankful to have remained friends over the years although we don't see each other often. When things settle down, let's get together.



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“ Ginny and Family so sorry for the loss of Jim it is so hard to lose our loved ones. You were both always so friendly and great neighbors. May God bless you with peace in your hearts.

Mary Stumpf - March 23, 2017 at 09:21 AM