



James Michael Boosalis

February 29, 1944 - September 9, 2025

Boosalis, James Michael, "Jim", age 81, of Minneapolis, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family on September 9, 2025. Preceded in death by his parents, Michael D. Boosalis and Martha Canelake Boosalis; brother Peter M. Boosalis. Survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Elaine; children, Andrea Boosalis Pfleider and Michael (Maggie) Boosalis; grandchildren, Reinnen and Tatum Pfleider, Blake and Blair Boosalis. Niece's Stephanie Stephenson, Krisanthya Reiman, Valerie Comprelli and nephew David Boosalis.

Jim was born February 29th, 1944 (Leap Year) and raised in Minneapolis. He graduated from Washburn High School where he was involved in football and hockey. Jim graduated from the University of Minnesota where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and spent time on the Gopher hockey team. A devoted fan of Hockey - especially the Gophers.

In 1965 Jim met Elaine, the love of his life at a church basketball tournament. They married in 1970.

He spent over forty years of his career in the Graphic Arts business, where Jim felt he was fortunate to meet and work with some of the best people you could know. One of the greatest joys of his life are his children and grandchildren. Nothing could make Jim smile more than the grandkids. A life-long member of St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church where he served in the Summer Camp program, taught Sunday School, Youth Director and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

He decided early on that life is full of ups and downs, but you should have fun

along this journey we all take. He tried to do this in everything he did. Jim will be remembered for his most amazing and positive spirit.

Survived by many cousins, godchildren and lots of wonderful friends. May his memory be eternal.

Visitation 5-7pm (Trisagion Service starts at 5pm) Tuesday, September 16th at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th Street, Edina. Funeral Service 11am Wednesday, September 17th with visitation beginning at 10am at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Memorials preferred to St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Prayer Service

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Visitation

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church
3450 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

PC

“ Oh Elaine! My heart breaks for you and your family! What a special guy and so so fun to spend time at the last reunion! I remember our trip to Minneapolis in college so you could spend time with him!! Please know I'm thinking of you! Pam

pam bergo coffey - September 29, 2025 at 08:48 PM

JS

“ Jane S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Michael Boosalis.

Jane S. - September 15, 2025 at 12:41 PM

AF

“ Alex Torres and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Michael Boosalis.



Alex Torres and Family - September 14, 2025 at 09:50 PM

TF

“ The Rushing Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Michael Boosalis.



The Rushing Family - September 14, 2025 at 09:06 PM

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The Rushing Family - September 14, 2025 at 09:06 PM

MD

“ Jimmy and I met at St Mary's 75 years ago. We became friends while at St Mary's Church camp at Grantsburg Wisconsin. When West High played football against Washburn, Jimmy was one of their star players. As adults I watched Jimmy become a loving husband and father. We miss him and pray for his family, and for his eternal peace. God bless you Jimmy.
Mike DeMoss and family

Mike DeMoss - September 14, 2025 at 05:20 PM

BM

Jimmy Was a gracious friend of my Father Bob Mac & My Uncle Pinky McNamara ..He always said hello and have a great day weekly as my Buddies and I would see him at the Braemar Golf Course ..Always memorable seeing Jim .. Love you Buddy & Best to Family from All of Us 😊

Bob McNamara - September 14, 2025 at 11:09 PM

MB

May God grant his soul rest and repose and may his memory be eternal. Michael G. Boosalis 9-30-25

Michael G Boosalis - September 30, 2025 at 10:29 PM