



## James Edward Budke

September 4, 1940 - December 24, 2022

James "Jim" Edward Budke born on September 4, 1940, in St. Paul, MN, was the only child to Marcella "Sally" (Zins) and Paul (Shea) Budke. Jim was a 1958 graduate from Cretin High School in St. Paul, MN, where he competed in football and track & field. His football team were the Central Catholic Conference Champions in 1957, and Jim ranked second overall in shot put at the 1958 Catholic State High School Track & Field meet. After high school Jim studied at the University of St. Thomas and earned his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from the University of Minnesota in 1964.

Jim had a life-long love for music and played guitar in a rock 'n roll band, The Flames, in the late 50s. The Flames performed at several local music venues, including the once popular Prom Ballroom formerly in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood, where Jim grew up. Besides his love for music, Jim was an avid reader and spent much of his free time fixing things.

Jim had a prolific career as an electrical engineer, most notably for his tenure at Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson and Associates (TKDA) from 1973 to 2008, headquartered in downtown St. Paul, MN. Jim was part of numerous projects that built the reputable engineering, architecture and planning firm.

Jim's many years of service with TKDA as a Senior Electrical Engineer included two decades as the Electrical Group Manager and encompassed many prominent projects throughout the Region and Minnesota, including new runways at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, new Wastewater Treatment Facilities for the Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services,

numerous Municipal and Educational Institutions, United States Core of Engineers and involvement with the reconstruction of the 35W Bridge after its collapse.

Jim married Rosalie Ann Barton in 1965. Jim and Rosalie, who lived in Maplewood, MN, since 1969, shared three children and several beloved pet dogs. Jim is survived by his wife, Rosalie; son Daniel; daughters Andrea and Dana (Ross Liddle); grandchildren Payton, Mason, Kendal and Brynn; several cousins, friends, relatives and, his dog, Max.