



## James 'Jim' Donahue

April 7, 2017

Donohue, James "Jim" 84, died Thursday April 7, 2017 in his home from natural causes. In hospice care for the past six months, Jim died peacefully in his sleep knowing the love of his family. He leaves his wife Judy, brothers Thomas and William, son James Jr and wife Karen, son Patrick and wife Binita, daughter Katie, daughter Jean and husband Manuel, granddaughter Sarina and grandsons Shaan, Andrew, Marco, Brenden and Armando. He was preceded in death by his mother Catherine "Kay", father James, step-mother Mildred, and sister Patricia. Born in Minneapolis on March 29, 1933, Jim attended DeLaSalle High School and the University of St. Thomas where he majored in accounting. For nearly forty years, Jim ran his own successful CPA and tax practice where he helped hundreds of individuals and small businesses with their financial needs. Jim's true passion, in life, was baseball at all levels. He played baseball in high school and coached teams from Little League to High School in Edina. He pioneered the travel baseball movement taking Edina teams to several states in the 1970s. He coached over one thousand games and 600 different players during a 40 year coaching career. He served on the Board of the Edina Baseball Association for many years including as president. He helped initiate and organize the inaugural Edina Baseball Tournament that still runs today. For many years, he was the Director of the South Hennepin American Legion program and was inducted into the Minnesota American Legion Hall of Fame in 2015. Jim or "Big Jim" as he was known, was a man of integrity who cared deeply for all members of his family.

He was always present for family events and took great pride in the accomplishments of others. Also, he never forgot the often overlooked people in his midst. Whether a janitor, a waitress, or baseball groundskeeper, Big Jim was quick with a smile, thank you, or a generous tip. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Edina Baseball Association. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday, April 12, 11 AM, Our Lady of Grace Church, 5071 Eden Ave, Edina with reception to follow. A visitation will be held Tuesday, April 11, 5-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **11.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Funeral Mass

APR **12.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church  
5071 Eden Avenue  
Edina, MN 55436-2308  
(952) 929-3317

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Donahue.*



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“ *My sympathy to Jim's family and friends during this difficult time. When I started my own business Jim encouraged and gave me the strength to believe I could do it and you know what I did. I have very fond thoughts of your husband, father, brother and friend. GOD bless Jim.*

*Alicia Lahti*

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**Alicia Lahti** - April 11, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Your friends at Loyola Academy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James 'Jim' Donahue.*



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**Your friends at Loyola Academy** - April 10, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James 'Jim' Donahue.* ”



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