



## James Joseph Eaton

February 8, 1934 - July 26, 2024

Eaton, James "Jim" Joseph of New Hope, MN, passed away on July 26, 2024 at the age of 90. Jim was a loving husband and the proud father of four children, grandfather of five grandchildren, and great-grandfather of seven great-grandchildren. Jim was born on February 8, 1934 in Minneapolis to Josephine (Frohnauser) and Leo Eaton. His family lived in North Minneapolis and Robbinsdale, and he graduated from DeLaSalle High School and from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Chemistry degree. Jim began his career as a chemical engineer in the Products Research and Development department of Corning Glass Works, where he developed electrically conductive thin films. He received two patents for his work on thin film heating elements. For the majority of his career, Jim worked for Onan Corporation as a chemical engineer and manager, focusing on fuel cell research and materials engineering. He received a patent for his work on fuel cell design. Jim retired from Onan after 33 years of service in 1995. During his retirement, Jim was active in the Rotary Club of Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale. His hobbies included woodworking, winemaking, cooking (especially bread baking), basketry, and pottery. Jim was a committed husband and father, known for his kindness and generosity. Jim is preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Eaton; father, Leo Eaton; and brothers, David Eaton and Lynn "Butch" Eaton. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Patricia 'Pat' (Cady) Eaton; children, Thomas (Eva) Eaton, Elizabeth Voigt, Joel (Denise) Eaton, and Jon (Robin) Eaton; five grandchildren; seven great-

grandchildren; and siblings, Joan Butler and Timothy (Sandra) Eaton. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Jim's life will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Community in New Hope, MN. Please join us for visitation at 10:00 a.m. and mass at 11:00 a.m. Lunch to follow. Interment at 1:00 p.m. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Glen Haven Chapel 763-533-8643

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim was always a very caring gentle brother. Jim and I both enjoyed baking and many times shared recipes and baking tips.* ”

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**Joan Eaton Butler** - August 08, 2024 at 10:58 AM