



James F. Forrey

October 5, 1932 - March 21, 2026

James (Jim) F. Forrey, born in 1932 to Boyd and Holly Forrey, grew up in Mankato, Minnesota with siblings Page, Phoebe, Gene, Phill, Mary Jo, and Kaye. After graduating from Mankato High School he served in the Navy during the Korean War then attended Mankato State College receiving Bachelors and Masters degrees. Jim taught industrial arts at Bloomington schools, as well as drivers ed and coaching, retiring in 1991. Jim had 4 children, Michael (Shirley), William, Kimberly (Kelly), and Joseph (Jill) with wife Eleanor Orness, as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. After Eleanor's passing, he later remarried to Cynthia Reiersen and became stepfather to Paige and Eric.

Jim was a master carver, meticulously organized craftsman, tennis player, avid sports fan, American Legion post 550 member and parishioner of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spent much of his retirement traveling. He was a great father and friend, but perhaps his best role was Grandpa, always warm, inviting and generous, often crafting gifts out of wood. Jim was tough, some may say stubborn, living independently until his last couple of months. He raised a large, joyful family and will be sorely missed. Jim passed at the age of 93 at The Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine, Minnesota on March 21st, 2026.

Funeral Service at 1 PM on Friday, April 24, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church,

8400 France Avenue S., Bloomington, MN. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Internment at Dawn Valley Cemetery.

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Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
8400 France Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Memorial Service

APR 24. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

APR 24. 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall

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“*Uncle Jim". I was saddened to hear of his passing a few weeks ago. It is sad to think about the grief his children and grandchildren are experiencing. I know he raised them to be strong and independent which has and will serve them well during this difficult time. He was proud of each and every one of them and cherished what he and Eleanor started together.*

I am sad to because he was the last of an amazing Forrey family. He was blessed to be raised by and with some of the greatest people to ever grace this earth. Hollie and Boyd were truly special people who were not blessed with a great amount of time on earth but made the most of it.

The children they raised went on to do amazing things together (always the most important to them) and individually. Their loyalty and sense of humor will sustain all who came into contact with them.

Jim was the last surviving member of that family. He will be missed but I am comforted to know that he is with them all again up in heaven adn that means that the group has come full circle. Heaven is a better place (if that is possible) by having this group together again and making things better for everyone.

All our best to Mike, Kim, Bill, Joe and their families at this difficult time.

Mark and Sandy Rheaume

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