



James L. Hegvik

October 15, 2015

Hegvik, James L. Age 86, of Blaine, passed away 10/15/15. Born in Kenyon, MN to parents Edith (Skillestad) and Edwin Hegvik. Jim grew up spending summers working on the Skillestad farm near Holden, MN. In school he played the trumpet, was the captain of the basketball team, and served as class president. He attended St. Olaf College, the U of MN, and graduated from NDSU with a degree in pharmacy. Over the next 50 years he provided his customers with good care and sound advice on drug therapies. He never missed a day of school or work due to illness. Jim loved exploring the mysteries of life. He formed a book club with three friends, an Episcopalian priest, a doctor, and a lawyer. The foursome met monthly for many years at a restaurant in Minneapolis to talk about interesting things, large and small. He was a pilot of small planes and held his captain's license as a sailor. He loved nature and the beauty of the natural world, and we loved hiking, x-country skiing and sailing with him. Jim and Coleen joined the LDS church many years ago. They opened their home to teens and young adults who were struggling, some of whom later became their "adopted" children. We will miss our tall, dark, handsome father, his dry sense of humor and his remarkable memory. He was a night owl who listened to jazz and appreciated a good scotch. Jim was an epicurean who loved to host complicated dinner parties. He was a warm-hearted, compassionate man who could be trusted to keep a secret; he taught us the importance of doing our best, honoring our Norwegian roots, and never missing the state fair. Jim lived a rich long life and will remain close

to our hearts. Preceded in death by parents; life partner and spouse Coleen (nee Skaar); survived by children Janet (Andrew) Morse, Jon (LynnMarie), Jay (Terri), Judd, Joal (Renee Levesque), and Jeremy (Barb); sister Helen (Bill) Smerika; beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral 10/29/15, visitation at 9 am, service at 11 am, Church of Jesus Christ LDS. 2742 Yellowstone Blvd. Anoka, MN. In lieu of flowers please send a memorial to the MN Orchestra or Sierra Club.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Hegvik family, I worked with Jim at Valley Drug late 70's early 80's. My first name is Joel and he fondly told me that he has a son by the same name different spelling, he was a fun person and I consider it a joy to have known him.
Rest in Peace Jim.*

Dave Slattery - October 28, 2015 at 11:53 AM

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“ *I have very fond memories of spending a summer in Minnesota and taking other trips there - including visiting our cousins - the Hegviks. Uncle Jim was always smiling and seemed to enjoy life. It's been some time since we've seen you all, but we do think of you and are so sorry to hear of his passing.
Here's to hoping we can see you again.
Love,
Tom Huegel and family*

Tom Huegel - October 24, 2015 at 07:29 PM

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“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family of Jim Hegvik on behalf of all the staff at North Ridge Health and Rehab. His presence brought so much joy to the unit and he will forever remain in our hearts. Rest in peace Jim. You are missed and you will be remembered!*

Jillian - October 22, 2015 at 01:31 PM