



James Hetland

May 29, 2012

Hetland, James L., Jr. June 9, 1925 - May 23, 2012 Jim Hetland passed away on May 23, 2012 after a short illness and a long, fabulous life. Married for 61 years to his dear Barbara "Bobbie" Hetland, he is survived by his four children, Jan Hetland, James (Sue) Hetland, Nancy (Craig) Colbenson and Steve Hetland (Kathy Shea); his brother and sister-in-law, John and Anne Hetland; grandchildren, Rachel, Sarah, Katie, Jennifer, Megan, Emily, Kristi, James, Tyler and Joseph; 10 great-grandchildren and his dog, Tanner. Jim's greatest joys were spending time with family and friends at his cabin on Lake Washburn and playing tennis, bridge, and cribbage (all extremely well). Jim served in WWII, fighting in the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. Jim was a Minnesota attorney for over 60 years and was a professor of law at the University of Minnesota. Jim served as the first Chair of the Metropolitan Council, was General Counsel and Senior Vice President of First National Bank of Minneapolis and was Counsel to the Board of First Bank System. He served on the board of numerous civic and charitable organizations, including Minneapolis Citizens League, Civic Caucus, Center for Policy Studies, the Minnesota Council on Crime and Justice and the Minnesota Center for Ethical Business Cultures. Jim's wisdom, boundless enthusiasm and giving spirit touched so many and will be forever missed. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to InnerCity Tennis Foundation, 4005 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55409. A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 11 AM, with a reception to immediately follow at: Washburn-

McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

DA

“ We were so sorry to here of Jim's passing. Both Jim and Bobbie were always great to us kids, making us feel welcome and part of the family. And as adults, Anne and I only got back to Washburn a couple of times, but, again, they made it feel like coming home. The PotLuck crowd set wonderful examples for all of us--a sense of extended family and community that we can only aspire to these days. We hope all you Hetland kids can carry on the tradition. Please know we're thinking of you in this difficult time. And if you ever get to Seattle, look us up!

~

Doug Anderson,

Seattle, Washington

Doug Anderson - June 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Jim was a brilliant man, caring mentor and wonderful person to have as a manager. The world is a little less safe without his insightful leadership. He will be sorely missed.

~

michael labrosse,

minneapolis, Minnesota

Contact Me

michael labrosse - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ *Hi Steve, So sorry to hear about your dad. What a wonderful tribute to him. I won't be able to make the funeral but I will be thinking of you and your family.* Lori Kinney (Eckes)

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Lori Kinney,

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Lori Kinney - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.*

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Jasmine Raimundi,

Granite City, Illinois

Contact Me

Jasmine Raimundi - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ As a caregiver for At Home Solutions I had the privilege of serving Jim and Tanner these past few months. I came to view Jim as my friend and I always looked forward to going to his home. I will remember him with the fondest of memories. Pastor Dennis Starr

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Dennis Starr,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Dennis Starr - May 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My thoughts go out to the family as you morn the passing of Jim. I am an old friend of Nancy's. I fondly remember Blue Birds with Barbara and all the good times we shared. I have a friend who lives blocks away from Grass Lake and I always think of you as I pass by your old neighborhood. I'm so sorry for your loss. It would be wonderful to connect once again! Love, Janet Collins Hannaford*

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Janet Hannaford,

Golden Valley, Minnesota

Janet Hannaford - May 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Sincere condolences and the very best of memories, and friends' prayers and thoughts. to Jim and all his family, from the Washburn Class of 1970. - Deborah (Debbie Kahn) & Tom Koehler*

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Deborah Morse-Kahn,

North Shore, Minnesota

Contact Me

Deborah Morse-Kahn - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ We wil miss him very much as we also have missed Bobbie. Our prayers go out to all of their children. Jack and Grace Schuller, Outing MN

May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM