



James Fred Hotze

June 6, 1954 - December 13, 2024

James "Jim" Fred Hotze, 70, of Minnetonka, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday, December 13, 2024. He was born on June 6, 1954, to Fred and Eleanor Hotze in Chicago IL.

Jim was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He loved golf, fishing, and watching Fox News. His greatest joys were fishing trips in Canada with friends, and relaxing in his poolside cabana, where he could often be found watching golf.

In May 2024, Jim received a lifesaving double-lung transplant after battling Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. His family is deeply grateful for the additional seven months of life and cherished memories they shared together.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Helen; daughters, Amanda (Ryan) Lawinger and Allison (Wayne) Jarvis; step-daughters, Lindsay Van Dyke and Kelsey (Ryan) Conant; and eight cherished grandchildren: Lily, Kate, Will, Greta, Frederick, Vivian, Anthony, and Ben. He is also survived by his siblings, John Hotze (Judy), Joanne Bearman (David), and Paul Hotze (Jan); siblings-in-law, John Mulé (Erin) and Beth Kaelberer (Clyde); as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Eleanor Hotze; uncle, Dave

Priz; parents-in-law, John and Dixie Mulé; and brother-in-law, Bennett Mulé.

A celebration of Jim's life will take place on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55334. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at his favorite lunch spot where he would meet his fishing buddies, Hazelwood Food and Drink, 5635 Manitou Rd, Tonka Bay, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel
7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Chapel Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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7625 Mitchell Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Tribute Wall

DB

“ David/nate B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Fred Hotze.

David/nate B. - December 23, 2024 at 01:51 PM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of working with Jim for many years at CWT. He was always so kind, capable and patient. I was very saddened to hear of his passing, and send my sincerest sympathies to his family. I'm sure you have wonderful memories and I hope they help you through this difficult time.

Linda Creighton - December 23, 2024 at 11:53 AM

DM

“ I met Jim in 2022 on the spring trip to Lac Seul. Our careers were similar and we got along well. We met for breakfast after the trip and agreed to meet again. Unfortunately we never did which I really regret. He was a good man. I'll miss him.

Denny Maas - December 21, 2024 at 09:50 PM

KB

“ Jim was my boss for 8 years. He was always calm and in control. I on the other hand sometimes took my job too seriously. One day I was being very passionate about my job and I called him and as soon as he answered the phone, I was passionately describing the current issue, perhaps with a loud voice, when I finally stopped talking and it was dead silence on his end and I was like hello are you there? He's like yes, are you through yelling at me yet and I just busted out laughing and I said yes I'm through. And just like that I was over it and we laughed.

Jim you were loved by many and you will be missed! My sincere condolences to Helen and your family.

Karla Boyd - December 20, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.



December 20, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Fred Hotze.

December 20, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.*



December 20, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Fred Hotze.

December 20, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ *Mike, Heather, Emily and Matt Kulisek purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Fred Hotze.*



Mike, Heather, Emily and Matt Kulisek - December 19, 2024 at 03:49 PM



“ *Mike, Heather, Emily and Matt Kulisek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Fred Hotze.*

Mike, Heather, Emily and Matt Kulisek - December 19, 2024 at 03:49 PM

LR

“ Love, Jeff and Jessica Rafeld purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of James Fred Hotze.



Love, Jeff and Jessica Rafeld - December 19, 2024 at 12:05 AM

SC

“ I am saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I worked with him at Carlson; he was a great leader and mentor. His smile and attitude were infectious, he always brightened my day when I would see him. May God give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

Shannon Coyle - December 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.



December 18, 2024 at 11:25 AM

PR

“ Phillip and Margaret Renslow purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Fred Hotze.



Phillip and Margaret Renslow - December 18, 2024 at 11:17 AM

MG

“ Jim was a great golf teammate and a 19th Holer staple of the Carlson golf league for all my years. He was so down to earth and one of the guys and always had a good time. We missed him him the last couple years and haven't been able to win a championship without him.

We (19th Holers) planted three memorial trees in Jim's honor, not that he ever hit into the trees!

Rest in Peace Jim!

Mike Galvin

Mike Galvin - December 18, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Fred Hotze.

December 18, 2024 at 10:30 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.



December 18, 2024 at 10:04 AM

DO

“ Dougie purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of James Fred Hotze.



Dougie - December 18, 2024 at 09:25 AM

DO

“ Dougie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Fred Hotze.

Dougie - December 18, 2024 at 09:25 AM

JH

“ Janice H. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of James Fred Hotze.



Janice H. - December 17, 2024 at 10:23 PM

JH

“ Janice H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Fred Hotze.

Janice H. - December 17, 2024 at 10:23 PM

LK

“ Linda K. purchased the Ghirardelli Galore Gift Tin for the family of James Fred Hotze.



Linda K. - December 17, 2024 at 04:42 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.



December 17, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Fred Hotze.



December 17, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Fred Hotze.

December 17, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ Dear Helen and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I had been unaware of his illness. I always found Jim to be upbeat, diligent and caring; someone who made work fun and engaged positively with everyone. Please accept my deep condolences on your great loss. Trudy Rautio

Trudy Rautio - December 17, 2024 at 02:52 PM

SH

So sad to hear of Jim's passing. We would pass in the hallways at Carlson & comment that we were still there after many, many years. He was always a bright spot. My condolences to all the family; sending you strength & love. Sandie Hulet

Sandra Hulet - December 17, 2024 at 08:53 PM