



James G Hunt

November 11, 1950 - February 2, 2026

James G Hunt, age 75 of Bloomington, MN, passed away on February 2, 2025 at Methodist Hospital after a long battle with chronic heart disease surrounded by his family. He showed great perseverance and courage, with a positive attitude and sense of humor throughout his many health issues. His resilience was remarkable no matter what was thrown his way.

Jim was born in Estherville Iowa on November 11, 1950 to Clifford and Cleova Hunt. He grew up enjoying the Lake Okoboji area, and was active in golf, football and skiing.

After graduation from Estherville High School in 1968, he served in the U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force, he was stationed in Turkey and Italy under the direction of the NSA.

He attended the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, graduating with a B.S. in Business. While in school, he was a ski instructor at the former Snowcrest Ski Area. Later he pursued an MBA with the University of St. Thomas.

His finance career began with First Bank System (now U.S. Bank) where he met Cynthia, the love of his life. He held several other positions in the financial services industry. After retiring, he worked for ten years as a school bus driver for the Bloomington School District. He often said this was his favorite role

due to the many meaningful interactions with the students.

Over the years he volunteered in many capacities, whether it be for his children's sports teams, golf and ski instruction, school classroom activities, or fundraising. He was one of the founding members of the Bloomington Athletic Association golf program, managing it for a number of years, later inducted into the BAA Hall of Fame.

Family was important to Jim, enjoying many family vacations, school events and sports activities. Perhaps his greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren including special vacations, helping them with their golf swing, reading and listening to music or just having fun. They were the key to his positive outlook and resilience through many hospitalizations.

Jim was preceded in death by parents Clifford and Cleova Hunt and sister Jean Reinking. He is survived by his wife Cynthia (Johnson) of 44 years, children James Brian Hunt (Emily) of Bloomington and Christine Soliday (Timothy) of Lakeville, grandchildren Brielle, Mason, Graham, Quinn and granddog Jax, as well as sisters Michele Barnes and Jodi Maddocks, and many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the Park Nicollet Home Care professionals, the Nephrology team and the Palliative Care group. With God's help, it was a total team effort to help him maintain a meaningful life while he was in and out of Methodist Hospital and the MN Masonic Home Transitional Care over the years.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Park Nicollet Foundation (Heart & Vascular Center), Bloomington Covenant Church or Covenant Pines Ministries.

Visitation will be held at 10AM on Monday, February 23 at Bloomington

Covenant Church - 10150 Xerxes Avenue South, Bloomington, MN. A memorial service will be held at 11AM. A private interment will be in the afternoon at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

We will miss the special wink and twinkle in his eyes.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Covenant Church
10150 Xerxes Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Memorial Service

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We have had the pleasure of knowing Jim & Cynthia going back to the days when the kids were in daycare together. I had the pleasure of being part of the founding group of the BAA golf program with Jim back in 1993 and he along with Virg Senescal kept the program alive and growing for many years. He is one of those individuals that you meet in the community that is a "quiet hero" and has made an impact within the community by giving his time and smile.

We are proud of you Jim and will miss you.

Rod & Jonel Axtell

Rod Axtell - February 23 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Escape gang and Business office purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of James G Hunt.*



Escape gang and Business office - February 21 at 04:35 PM

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“ *Escape gang and Business office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James G Hunt.*

Escape gang and Business office - February 21 at 04:35 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of James G Hunt.*



February 20 at 02:18 PM



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

February 20 at 02:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James G Hunt.*



February 17 at 06:34 PM



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

February 17 at 06:34 PM

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“ Jim was my kids bus driver for a few years. The first day of first grade and a new school, my son had one bus to school and a different bus home. We met Jim that morning and he was so kind. He asked my son’s name and welcomed him onto the bus. As a terrified mother that afternoon when the bus arrived without my child, transportation radioed and confirmed Jim had him. Instant relief as we at least knew Jim from that morning. Jim finished the route and headed back to drop my kiddo off. My son was not phased in the least. It was so nice to know my son was safe with someone so kind. Later that fall, my younger son started taking the bus for preschool at Nativity and it happened to be Jim’s bus my other kiddo was already on. Having my 4 year old on the bus would have been nerve wrecking if it was anyone but Jim! He gave a hearty laugh when he saw me on the school side of the bus to greet my preschooler that first day (I will attempt to attach a video!☐) Your loved one was such a special man. All the kids he drove bus for were so lucky to have him! He will be missed (and already has been missed when he retired!) Sending our sympathies!



Kristi Szewczyk - February 13 at 04:58 PM

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“ As a parent of students that Jim drove, he was a big part of them having a positive school experience. They loved his smile and how kind he was, which for young kids, is a big help toward making a fun school experience.

Thomas Szewczyk - February 13 at 10:16 AM