



James Dean Jacobsen

January 25, 1936 - December 7, 2025

James Dean Jacobsen (Jake), age 89, of Bloomington, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2025, at Fairview Southdale Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Jake was born on January 25, 1936, in Minneapolis to Louise and Leif Jacobsen. He grew up in his grandparents' home near Lake Harriet, a place he loved, and where he learned to work hard. His strong work ethic continued into adulthood as he worked for Bachman's for over 50 years—loving the company he worked for, and enjoying trucking, landscaping, and commercial projects such as displays for the Dayton Flower Show in downtown Minneapolis, landscaping for the Masonic Home in Bloomington, and the original landscaping for Southdale Shopping Center.

Jake loved his work for Bachman's, but he was also marked by his love for his family and for everyone he met. As a young father of three, this looked like countless hours spent with his kids ice fishing and snowmobiling, making ice rinks in the backyard, teaching his kids to swim and water ski, taking his kids to work with him in his dump truck, trips to the family-owned resort in Alexandria, and picnics every weekend with the neighbors. As Jake's kids grew up, they cherished the childhood they were given. For Jake, eventually, the outdoor Minnesota activities with kids were exchanged for winters in Sarasota with his wife, Frankie. These times in Sarasota were filled with

visiting family members and his Florida neighbors, all ready to sit and visit with him at the end of the driveway, swim, play shuffleboard, go to an event at the clubhouse, or travel to Siesta Key Beach.

Jake's life was full of loving the things that filled his days, and loving the people that were a part of those days. His happiness, thankfulness, and love for all people were constant-and for those he left behind, we are left realizing that these qualities that defined him are rare in this world, and are to be treasured. We will remember a life well lived, and hold dearly the times we were able to spend with someone who gave so much and expected so little.

Jake is preceded in death by his parents; his spouses, Mary Francis Jacobsen and Donna Mae Jacobsen; and his grandson, Jeffery Johnson.

He is survived by his children:

Jim (Sandy) Jacobsen, Jamie (Ron) Dahlen, John (Delmi) Jacobsen, Paul Johncox (Hilda Look), Vickie Johncox (Jeff Johnson), and Gigi (Nick) Halpaus, his devoted caregiver and dear friend for the last six years.

His grandchildren:

Jimmy (Emily) Jacobsen, Angela (Tori) Holt, Missy (Caleb) Saarela, Jess (Stephen) Bernard, Reyna Arias (Sam Gonzales), Katy Johncox (Brandon McKay), Amy Johncox, Mario Hernandez, Cindy Viana, Edson (Charlotte) Viana, Paulito Johncox, and Lauren Johnson.

He is also survived by 21 great-grandchildren, as well as countless friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

A funeral service will be held for Jake on Wednesday, December 17th at Minnesota Masonic Home Chapel, 11501 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington. The service will begin at noon, with a visitation for one hour prior. A lunch reception will be served at the Masonic Home in the Evergreen Hall immediately following the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Minnesota Masonic Home Chapel
11501 Masonic Home Drive
Bloomington, MN 55437

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CT

“ Colleen T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Dean Jacobsen.

Colleen T. - December 17, 2025 at 11:42 AM

J&

“ Jamie &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Dean Jacobsen.

Jamie &. - December 17, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Dean Jacobsen.



December 15, 2025 at 08:10 PM

YR

“ Your friends at Holiday Inn & Rudy's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James Dean Jacobsen.



Your friends at Holiday Inn & Rudy's - December 15, 2025 at 05:23 PM

TK

“ Tom Kielb purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of James Dean Jacobsen.



Tom Kielb - December 14, 2025 at 05:38 PM

TK

“ Tom Kielb planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Dean Jacobsen.

Tom Kielb - December 14, 2025 at 05:38 PM

WF

“ Wilfredo Escobar and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James Dean Jacobsen.



Wilfredo Escobar and family - December 14, 2025 at 02:00 PM

DB

“ Our condolences to Jake’s family on his passing. We enjoyed Jake’s company several late afternoons on Ken & Linda’s driveway in VPE enjoying the Sarasota weather. His generous smile and kind heart will be missed.
Diane and Dennis Banash

Diane and Dennis Banash - December 12, 2025 at 11:34 PM

MA

We will miss Jake at VPE!! We always called him "Jake from State Farm"!! And he would through his head had and laugh out loud!! Just found a picture of him in the VPE pool with Lee Kluge, Rose Reifsnider, Reldo & Selma Ridenour!! Rest in Peace Sweet Jake!! ❤️🙏❤️

Mike & Carol Anderson - December 13, 2025 at 04:26 PM

MH

“ *To all Jake's family, my deepest condolences to you all. Jake was a wonderful neighbour to my mom and dad Bill and Margaret peters and now my sister & brother in-law ken & Linda and when my husband and I visited Sarasota and stayed down the street from Jake and Frankie, we played Mexican train with Frankie and Jake. I played shuffleboard with Jake years ago. I will always remember Jake's beautiful smile and his laugh. & wonderful gentle nature. I have been lucky the last few years to visit in the park with my sister and brother-in-law and shared many happy times with Jake and his family. Death is a heartache that no one can heal, but love leaves memories no one can steal. May all your wonderful memories you shared with Jake somehow ease your sorrow at this very sad time honouring a life well lived. Love and hugs from snowy Winnipeg
Marlyn Harding*

Marlyn Harding - December 12, 2025 at 10:38 PM

KB

“ We were blessed to have both Frankie and Jake as neighbours in Sarasota. Jake’s happy disposition and wonderful laugh were infectious! He was such a kind and gentle man who always had a good word and a smile for everyone. Jake will be very much missed! We are grateful for all of the wonderful memories and the legacy of love he has left us. Our heartfelt condolences to all the family.

With much love from Ken and Linda Boughton xoxo

Ken & Linda Boughton - December 12, 2025 at 10:19 PM