



## James "Jim" George Steinwand

September 8, 1944 - January 22, 2023

On Sunday, January 22, 2023, James "Jim" George Steinwand, 78, of Roseville, MN passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, and tended closely by his favorite kitty, Kreacher.

Jim was born to parents Francis George and Helen May (Clarín) Steinwand Lacy in Mobridge, SD, the second of three siblings.

After graduating high school in 1962, Jim studied for two years at South Dakota State University in Brookings, then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Jim worked in electronic counter surveillance, spending time on bases in Minot, ND, Biloxi, MS, and at the U-Tapao Air Base, Thailand, working on specialized aircraft, including B-52s. While stationed in Minot, Jim (with first wife Kathy) had their first child, son Patrick.

After his time in the Air Force, the family moved to Pierre, SD, where Jim owned and operated a TV repair shop, and daughter Jennifer was born. Eventually, life would take them to Sioux Falls, SD, and then on the Twin Cities, MN, where their third and final child, Fawkes, was born.

After many years in the Twin Cities, Jim met and eventually married his beloved wife, Donna (Tretsvén), and the two became inseparable. With Donna's support and encouragement, Jim eventually finished college, earning a Bachelors' degree from Metro State University, supplementing his career in information technology and security. This path led him through a variety of employers and into many deep and lasting friendships.

Jim retired from the State of Minnesota in 2012, and he quickly embraced this

new phase of his life. His schedule revolved around coffee and lunch dates with family and friends, bowling on a variety of teams, and service to his home parish, Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, as well as to their shared congregation, Nativity Lutheran Church. This church home was where Jim and Donna made many friends with whom they share their faith in Christ and love for God.

Jim battled many serious illnesses throughout his life, including heart failure and related complications, prostate cancer, and, recently, multiple myeloma (also known as Kahler's disease), a cancer that affects certain white blood cells contained in bone marrow. Through it all, Jim kept a positive attitude, and was able to overcome almost all the obstacles laid in his path.

Unfortunately, after the recurrence of his prostate cancer, the advancement of his multiple myeloma, and a rapid onset of pneumonia, Jim was unable to find the strength to persevere. He spent his last weeks of life, like the many years before, surrounded by the love and care of his family and many friends. Jim came home to spend his final days in the solace of a familiar place in our home, and left this world in comfort, his faithful cat and family at his side.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and siblings-in-law. Survived by wife Donna; children Patrick (Jennifer Preston) Steinwand, Jennifer (Pete Hansen) Steinwand, and Fawkes (Robyn) Char; sisters Lillian Wientjes and Mary (Mike) Litschewski; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, and chosen family. He is loved and endlessly missed.

A visitation will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, April 28, 2023 at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, followed immediately by a Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 am.

A Celebration of Life and meal at Roseville Skating Center will be held after the mass. As he'd have wanted, all are welcome to join - Jim liked a good gathering.

Memorials preferred to the American Heart Association, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, or Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota.



# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry about Jim's passing. He was such a good person. We had so much fun working on the pandemic preparedness manual over those many months. Always with a smile on his face and a laugh ready to burst forth. Peace to you and your family.



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**Shelly Franz** - April 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Dear Donna and Family  
We just found out about Jim's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. Jim was a wonderful and gentle man who earned the respect of so many people. He is in Paradise now. Jim will be greatly missed and both of you have a special place in our hearts and you always will. May God bless you and know that you, Jim and your family will always be in our prayers.  
Michael & Theresa Judge



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**Michael & Theresa Judge** - February 01, 2023 at 12:00 AM