



## James Robert Johannsen

November 26, 1941 - September 5, 2023

On September 5, 2023, James Johannsen passed away at the age of 81 due to Alzheimer's Disease at his home in Minnetonka, Minnesota. James was an electrical engineer and a US Navy Submariner, Fire Controlman from 1963 to 1969. He was a man of many hobbies, including gardening, traveling, caring for his outdoor birds, and especially singing baritone in barbershopping choruses and quartets.

James was a beloved husband to Judy Johannsen, father to Barbara and Bryan, and 'adopted daughter'/niece Gretchen Kramer. He was also a proud grandfather to Jared Dunkley, Madison Dunkley, and Savannah Quaderer.

James was a hardworking and dedicated man who was passionate about his career and hobbies. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and was known for his kind and generous spirit. He was a beloved member of his community and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held in honor of James on October 14th, 2023 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel from 3-5:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in his memory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **14**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Uncle Jimmy was funny, generous and caring. After he and Judy stayed with my husband and me to visit Yosemite, he would hear about wildfires in California and call me to ask if we were okay. I will miss him a bunch.

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**Beth Martin** - September 10, 2023 at 05:53 PM

GK

“ Family & Friends, I don't know who “Jim Sandman” is, but I'm rather suspicious and concerned!! Please don't click on anything unless we can confirm the source..

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**Gretchen Kramer** - September 10, 2023 at 05:48 PM

JS

“ Dear Judy, family and friends of James,  
On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans, we offer our sincere condolences at James's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are always saddened whenever a fellow "Bubblehead" departs on Eternal Patrol. He served with honor on the USS George Bancroft SSBN-643.

To our "Brother-of-the-Phin" we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. Fair Winds and Following Seas." Thank you for your service to our country.

Judy and family... "may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

Jim Sandman, FTC(SS) Ret,  
National Chaplain, USSVI.  
[www.jimsandman.com](http://www.jimsandman.com)

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**Jim Sandman** - September 10, 2023 at 05:23 PM

MJ

“ *Uncle Jimmy was always so much fun to chat with. I always enjoyed visiting in the summers. I especially fondly remember fishing and waterskiing.*  
*Love Matt*

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**Matt Johanssen** - September 10, 2023 at 05:00 PM

CE

“ *Uncle Jimmy was a mixture of humor and wisdom...often in the same sentence! He will be missed.....love, Chris and Steve Emerson*

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**Chris Emerson** - September 10, 2023 at 04:45 PM

GK

“ With a loving but heavy heart I'd like to share a few words about my Uncle Jimmy (AKA “Dad2”)

*As you all know, Jim was quite the character. His sense of humor along with his uncanny wit sure kept us on our toes! Jim would often get a mischievous glint in his eyes before uttering the perfectly timed “groan-worthy” pun!! (OH JIM! ;). And whenever my mom was present, he never missed the chance to good-naturedly tease her with the phrase “Mom always did love me best”!*

*Jim's favorite holiday has always been Thanksgiving. Jim and I shared a love of my mom's cranberry salad. Ever since I can remember Jim and I had a running joke about where that particular bowl would land after being passed around the table (kinda like “musical chairs” or “roulette”). Finally we figured out it would be best if we sat next to each other so we could BOTH have the bowl within our reach! 😊*

*I will also miss my favorite Jig-saw puzzle partner. We sure made a great team!*

*Jim is a great man who deeply loved his family and friends. And I am very confident he knows how much we loved him back!! I'm sure going to miss him....*



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**Gretchen Kramer** - September 10, 2023 at 03:40 PM