



## James A. Lauder

August 8, 2016

Lauder, James A. age 84, of Minnetonka, passed away August 8, 2016 at 3:30 pm. Jim grew up in Wahpeton, ND. He graduated from high school in that city in 1949 and went on to attend junior college there as well. In 1951 he interrupted his education to enlist in the US Marines where he served in Korea. Upon his discharge he attended Valley City State University, where he continued his success in football and served as student body president before graduating in 1955. He accepted teaching jobs in Waubun and Murdock before spending much of his career in Paynesville. Teaching also permitted him to pursue his interest in athletics and student government. He coached throughout his 37-year career and served on the Minnesota Boys' State staff for fifteen summers at St. John's University in Collegeville. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion and the Minnesota Coaches Assoc. While in Murdock, he married Karen Commerford. Together they had two daughters. Karen died in 1985. In 1988, Jim married Kathleen Muller of Minnetonka. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Max & Marguerite (O'Connor) Lauder; brother, Doug; sister, Nancy (William) Barlow. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; 2 daughters, Laurie (Rock) Lauder-Lewandowski and Maria Lynn (John) Lauder. Also survived by Kathleen's children, Melissa Muller (Erik) and Mark Muller (Erica); grandchildren, Alex Bartley (Sam), William, and Alana; along with his twin sister, JoAnna (Robert) St. Clair; and by many talented nieces & nephews. Memorials preferred to Methodist Hospital Hospice Program. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 am Thursday, August 11, with visitation beginning 10:00 am at:  
Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy  
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# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Service

AUG 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ 40 years ago my husband and I purchased our home from James' mother, Marguerite. She was a special lady and I would often stop to see her in her apartment. I'm sure her family is as special as she was and James will be missed by many family and friends. Prayers and thoughts of support for all. Denise Herding, Wahpeton, ND

Denise Herding - August 11, 2016 at 03:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James A. Lauder.



August 10, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James A. Lauder.



August 10, 2016 at 10:36 AM