



James M. Lilla

August 20, 2014

Lilla, James M. 02/13/1948 - 08/20/2014 Jim was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He died after a long illness, surrounded by family and friends. Survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Amy (Sweetser); daughter, Ann, son-in-law Rick, grandsons Nick and Alex; brothers, Joe (Bonnie) and John (Trish); nieces and nephews galore, extended family, and the VFW 2 O'Clock Club. A special thank you to Dr. Wong, Dr. Bell, Julie Ann, Shelly, Sterling, and 2K at the VA Hospital. Jim served three tours in the Vietnam War in the Navy from 1968-1972, and was a proud member of the VFW Post 5555 in Richfield and of the American Legion Post 99 in Minneapolis. He was in construction for 30 years, working on multiple buildings in downtown Minneapolis, including the IDS Tower. Jim spent his last years before retirement working at the Mall of America as a special project carpenter. He loved being outdoors, and his cabin was his refuge. No-one had a better parrot joke nor knew the ins and outs of Sven, Ole, or Lena better than Jim. His quick wit provided much entertainment despite being Polish and Norwegian. His compassion, understanding and kindness drew many friends. Godspeed, Jim. "Lordy, love a duck!" Visitation 5-7 PM Monday, August 25 at Washburn-McReavy, W. 50th St. & Hwy 100, Edina. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM Tuesday, Aug. 26, Catholic Church of Our Lady of Grace, 5071 Eden Ave., Edina. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

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