



## James Preston Lund

February 13, 1931 - May 12, 2024

James Preston Lund of Edina, MN passed away peacefully at the age of 93 in the early hours of Sunday, May 12.

Jim (or Uncle Bud), as he was fondly called by friends and family, was born on February 13, 1931, to James Peter Lund (Jasper, MN) and Della Juanita Lund (Hardwick, MN). He grew up in Minneapolis, MN, and graduated from Roosevelt High School. He went on to attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and earned a BBA, a BS, and a PhD in Education.

Jim was passionate about Education. He was a Teacher, Counselor, and Principal for several Minnesota High Schools (Edison, Henry, Alexander Ramsey, and Kellogg). He served as the Dean of Students for Minneapolis Community College. He helped to open Hennepin Technical College in Eden Prairie as the first President. As a consultant to the Minnesota Department of Education, he secured federal funding and organized/founded the Health and Safety program for all Minnesota School Districts.

Jim served his country and was a military veteran in the Army. He was drafted in 1953. He served in Counter Intelligence School as a Special Agent, Counter Intelligence, and was honorably discharged in 1955.

Jim enjoyed amateur competition in several sports including baseball/softball,

and golf. Once retired, Jim and his wife Marilyn, wintered in Green Valley and Fountain Hills, AZ where Jim was a member of a group called "Born Again Jocks" which was a group of 80+ year-olds who played softball. Jim also enjoyed shooting pool with his friends at their retirement apartment in Edina and rumor has it he was even playing as recently as a month ago.

Jim was a member at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Marilyn, his niece Kim (Nick) Wand, sister-in-law Beverly Bersie (Annandale, MN), sister-in-law, Jennalee Bersie (Delano, MN), and brother-in-law Bob Bersie (Lonsdale, MN), as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Dale & Patricia Kattleman, brother-in-law Ronald Bersie, brother-in-law Gordon Bersie, and sister and brother-in-law Betty and Marc Quast.

Marilyn would like to encourage any friends or colleagues to join the family in celebrating Jim's life. He will be interred with Military Funeral Honors at Fort Snelling National Cemetery on Thursday, May 30th at 10 am. A celebration luncheon & reception will be held after at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home in Edina from 12:15 - 2:00 pm.

"In all endeavors, the variety of persons and personalities, not the process, made the journey worthwhile." - Jim Lund

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 30. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

## Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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