



## James Merlin McArthur

February 15, 1941 - June 2, 2025

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(February 15, 1941 - June 2, 2025) was born in Mankato, MN to parents Merlin and Delores (Drantell) McArthur. The eldest of two sons, Jim was an energetic young man who excelled in athletics, especially basketball. Jim was a member of the 1959 Mankato high school boys basketball team that competed in the state tournament his senior year. Jim went on to play college basketball and obtained his bachelors degree in business from Minnesota State University - Mankato (formerly Mankato State University). Following college Jim married his first love, Susan Eliason and began a family and business life that brought his young family to several cities and states before settling in the Twin Cities. Jim's career and impact in business was impressive, eventually leading SalesForce Minneapolis as its president prior to his retirement and relocation to the Brainerd Lakes Area. Jim enjoyed time with family and friends, fishing and as much time on the golf course as possible. Jim's love for his children and grandchildren was a constant, whether it be hosting or attending family gatherings, family travel, coaching and following their personal and athletic pursuits. Never short of ideas or energy, Jim truly enjoyed organizing special events, especially around golf. Jim always had a way of keeping people engaged and was genuinely interested in everyone he met and interacted with. Jim is survived by son Jeff McArthur and granddaughter Jenna McArthur; daughter Robin Anderson, son-in-law David Anderson and granddaughters Caroline and Courtney Anderson;

brother Tom McArthur, niece Amy (McArthur) Knutson, nephew Chris McArthur and their extended families. A Celebration of Life will be held in August in the Brainerd Lakes Area with additional details to be announced.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James Merlin McArthur.



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