



## James Niesen

February 25, 2008

Niesen, James (Jim) Beloved father and grandfather, age 70 of Mound, died February 22, 2008 surrounded by his children after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Preceded in death by brothers, Thomas and William. Survived by children, Mary (Michael) Grundman, Christopher Niesen, Thomas (Carolyn) Niesen, Colleen St. James (fiancé Erik Knutson), and their mother, Therese Mervar; grandchildren, Autumn and Weston; mother to grandchildren, Chandra Saign; and longtime companion cat, Lady. James was born in Chicago, IL and raised in Davenport, IA and then Cleveland, OH. He graduated from Benedictine HS and Notre Dame and enjoyed participating in the college's marching band. He loved to spend time with his family while residing in Apple Valley for many years. James was a talented technical writer for McDonnell Douglas and wrote the tech manual for the A4D Navy aircraft. He then worked for over 20 years for Control Data Corp in MN. He was also a member of Mensa. Holding a private pilot's license, James was enthusiastic about flying small planes and earning advanced certificates. His passion for traveling by train carried him across the country, including Alaska and Canada. Jim was an avid youth soccer supporter and referee. He was a volunteer EMT with the Bloomington Rescue Squad. Memorials preferred to American Cancer Society or Habitat for Humanity. Private Interment Lebanon Cemetery. Funeral service 11 AM Wednesday, with visitation one hour prior to service and also 5-8 PM Tuesday all at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th Street at Hwy. 100