



James Donald Nye

December 20, 1931 - January 2, 2022

On January 2, 2022, My Father, James Nye, has passed away at the age of 90. Born in Grand Rapids, MN up North in 1931 during the heart of the Depression, he liked going on adventures even as a young boy. At 16, he biked up 650 miles to Duluth with his friend Ed Kozar with only a pup tent in tow. Nothing young adults would dream of now. He graduated Greenway High School in 1949, and shortly after worked up in Alaska in the 50s drilling, where the person who did the least amount of work that week got fired. He was a veteran during the Korean War. After that, he used the G.I. Bill to go to the University of Minnesota, and later the University of North Dakota, where he received a Bachelors in Geology. Out of college, he struggled finding a job in his field like many young college grads do, but enjoyed a long career at the Minnesota Department of Health as a Hydrologist enforcing laws related to abandoned wells. In his spare time, he enjoyed grouse hunting, gun collecting, fishing, reading, watching documentaries, The Internet, traveling, visiting with his family, and working on projects on the house. He passed away in Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park.

There will be a graveside service Thursday January 13, 2022 at 11am at Fort Snelling.

A celebration of life will follow in May-June. Details will follow.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

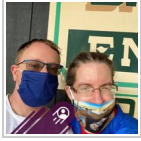
Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM.

Fort Snelling

Tribute Wall



“ *Dad was always an avid motorcycling enthusiast. Here’s a picture of him with a unique helmet circa 1968.*



Greg Nye - March 23, 2022 at 05:11 AM

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“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Patrick Sarafolean - January 12, 2022 at 11:17 PM

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“ *I have missed Jim since he left MDH. He was always up for a personal and friendly conversation. Jim diagnosed a water borne illness that I had picked up on a trip to northern Minnesota. He listened and heard me out when we were talking business, over the phone. He told me what it was and to get to a doctor. HE WAS RIGHT!*

He was a great listener and then went on to solving the problem.

Thanks to Jim the well sealing and abandonment program has helped to provide safe water to Minnesotans.

Our thoughts and prayers go to your entire family on the loss of Jim.

Blessed be his memories.

Diana R. Lee Schaefer

SEARLES WELL DRILLING, INC.

Diana R. Lee Schaefer - January 12, 2022 at 10:27 AM

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“ Jim was the first and long-time chair of the Anoka County Water Resources Management Task Force. His contributions to the group, and to the field in general, were substantial. I remember him Chairing our meetings during the last decade. I didn't realize his age... He was VERY knowledgeable on the issues! He will be missed...

Kathy Tingelstad - January 08, 2022 at 05:07 AM