



James Eino Rikkola

November 2, 1947 - September 5, 2024

James Eino Rikkola, age 76 of Bloomington, MN peacefully passed on September 5, 2024, surrounded by family after an extended illness. Jim was born in Ashland, WI., on November 2, 1947, to Eino and Dorothy (Jokinen) Rikkola.

In 1968, he married his high school sweetheart, Barb. Jim served 4 years in the Air Force, stationed in Germany. He worked for 40 years as a pipefitter for Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors.

Jim was a man of strong faith and loved his family dearly. His main passion was golf. He supported the Viking and Twins and was an avid outdoorsman. Jim had a huge heart for helping people in need and will be missed by many.

Preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; a sister; and daughter, Jennifer. Survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Barb (Craft) Rikkola; son, Ryan (Felicia); daughters, Casandra (Chai) Podagatlapalli; Kelsey (Grant) Geisler; sister, Karen; brothers, David (Angie), Ken (Kris), and Geno Rikkola; brother-in-law, David (Wanda) Craft; eight grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Honoring Jim's wishes, a private service was held. A livestream of the service will be available until December at: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index>.

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