



James Frank Romain

February 9, 1930 - July 28, 2025

Born February 9, 1930 - Passed away July 28, 2025

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Anna Romain. Brothers John and Robert, sisters Mary Ann, Clerice, and June. First wife Geraldine Joan Romain (46 years) and second wife Donna Borseth (8 years), son Barry Romain and daughter Jill (Holly) Larkin.

Survived by his sister Ann, Sons, Greg (Lisa) and Matt Romain, son in law Kevin Larkin. Grandchildren, Chad, Nick, Ryan, Emily, Corey, Suzanne, Madison, Anna, and Evan, and many great grandchildren.

Jim was born in South Minneapolis, the sixth of seven children and went to South high school. Married Gerry in 1958 and continued to live in South Minneapolis to raise their four children.

While attending the University of Minnesota to become a math and science teacher, Jim started working for Burnomatic. After about 5 years, he bought out the company and continued to own and operate it for many years. He was very proud to be able to pass it down to his two sons.

He excelled at sports, including basketball, golf and bowling. He also loved to attend sporting events. In his late 40s, he decided to become a runner and ran

many marathons, including one at 75 years old.

Along with many men's clubs, he was a charter member of the Minneapolis Riverview Lions club for most of his life. He served with great passion.

In his retirement, he enjoyed spending winters in Arizona and summers on the lake in Minnesota. He loved any time he could get with his family.

Memorial service to be held on Friday, August 8, 2025 at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church 5025 Knox Ave. S. in Minneapolis with visitation at 11 AM. Service at 12 Pm with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Minneapolis Riverview Lions club PO Box 6147, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

AUG 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Graveside Service

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park (Minneapolis)
2250 Saint Anthony Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ To Grandpa Jim,
To a person who is easy to look up to.
A man who is self made and ran a successful company. An outstanding member of society, showing all of us the importance of community. A loving father, caring deeply for his family throughout his life. An incredibly healthy and independent person until the very end. Someone who never lost their sense of humor through it all - he always made me laugh. He helped me find my love for music, I can picture him singing and playing the piano in heaven, I see him reuniting with Gerry- his favorite person in the world, (he told me that almost every time he saw me). His love for her inspires and grounds me in what life is all about. It's always a good time to tell family you love them and how important they are to you. The love in his eyes when he would talk about Gerry would bring tears to mine. Grandpa Jim Loves all of us, I am forever blessed to have his angel watching over me. Thank you Grandpa Jim for the childhood memories, your playfulness, and your resilience. Thank you for showing my Dad the way, I could never put into words how much he means to me. It hurts to lose you, but I can't help but be do proud of your long life, and the peace I am sure you have found. Say hello to Gerry, Barry, and Holly for us, and know we will always be praying for you.
Love, Madison

Madison Romain - August 07, 2025 at 09:59 PM

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“ Deloitte purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James Frank Romain.



Deloitte - August 06, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Frank Romain.*



August 06, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *I'm going to miss my Uncle Jimmy. No family gathering was ever dull with him there. He loved to discuss everything. He helped a lot of people with his charitable work. And he loved his family with all his heart ❤️. Rest in Peace Jimmy - you lived a long, productive, good life and you've earned it.*

Diane Wiley - August 02, 2025 at 09:38 AM