

James Harold Stennes

May 1, 1937 - June 20, 2023

James H. Stennes

Surrounded by family, Jim passed away peacefully, on June 20, 2023, at the age of 86.

Born in Bemidji, MN on May 1, 1937, Jim was the son of Oscar and Ann Stennes. He was a wonderful husband, father of 4, grandfather of 14, and great-grandfather of 8.

Jim retired from his lifelong career in sales, selling his network of North Texas based ATM cash machines. In his work, in his leadership roles in men's ministry, and with his family and friends, there are a lifetime of memories for all those who have had a chance to be around the man who was, uniquely, Jim. His positive attitude, and the resulting positive influence he had on anyone with whom he came in contact, was noticeable.

He was known for his phone calls, his check-in's, his sharing of daily energy that always left you feeling supported, loved, lighter.

Faith and music were important to him, and always had been. Jim was a strong and vocal Christian, who at his mother's 80th birthday celebration at church in Bemidji led him to "say a few words" at the pulpit. The lady sitting

next to Grandma Ann in the congregation turned to her and said "Is Jim a pastor?". "No", she said, "he just loves the Lord".

For a long time, and in a statement that some found uncomfortable to hear, he was known to say "I'm ready to go meet my Maker". He knew where he was going, and shared faith so others would find it too.

Jim's greatest joy was his large family, who all have been blessed with the goodness he shared throughout his life. Even as vascular dementia took his memory, he remained cheerful and in good spirits. Our family is grateful for the extra years that patriarch "Grandpa" got to be here, to attend another generation of grandchildren's weddings and great-grandchild births.

Survived by his loving wife of 35 years, DeEtte; daughters, Kris (Mike) Abrahamson, Karel (Dale) Hoffmann, Kathy Stennes (Keri Jones); stepdaughter, Polly (Paul) Gordon; son, David (Mary) Stennes.

Preceded by: Oscar (father), Ann (mother), John and Mark (brothers)
Also survived by: Brothers: Richard (Nilla) and Paul (Geri) Stennes; Sister-in-laws, Shirley and Diane Stennes; Grandchildren - Lindsey, Erik (Jen), Karley Abrahamson; Kelsey (AJ Chase) and Lu Sullivan; Dylan (Breanna), Logan (Jillian), Maria Hoffmann; Luke (Maddie) Stennes Basil, Lauryn, Matthew Stennes; Michael, Matthew, Melanie Gordon; And a long list of close family cousins, nieces, nephews and their families.

Great grandchildren - Allyson Rux: Arlo and Grace Abrahamson; Amelia and Ada Hoffmann; Jay Stennes Basil; Lincoln and Levi Gordon

Special thanks to the caring staff at Stonebay Senior Living, and to the true professionals at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospice and Palliative Care

Interment near his parents, grandparents, and family members who have gone before, at Greenwood Cemetery in Bemidji, MN.

Memorials preferred to the Minnesota-North Dakota chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, at www.alz.org

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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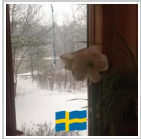
Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for James Harold Stennes in memory of James Harold Stennes



Washburn-McReavy - June 25, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ Sorry we couldn't come to the funeral. We did watch online. What a wonderful legacy. My favorite memory is all of the holidays we shared around the table at Central Avenue. Hopefully we will see everyone soon. Linnea and Carolyn

Linnea Forsell - June 28, 2023 at 01:59 PM

DC

So sorry to hear, we have wished many times that we had been able stay in touch!
It seems like lifes issues & health circumstances interfer
Thinking back to our having lost " our Kendra Dec.25-2021-(We still r
in daily
disbelief)She thought alot of you & Jim!
We hope & pray that you are safe & well!
De & Chuck Carle

Deanna & Chuck Carle - August 14, 2023 at 01:29 PM

BM

Jim... A wonderful man, friend and mentor. Always positive, loving, smiling and caring... Came into our lives in our mid twenties and showed us a tremendously refreshing outlook on life... Loved God, his family and everyone he knew... His bumper sticker - GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I - says so much about who he was and is !!! We rejoice for you Jim in Gods kingdom. Surely you bring a smile to HIM and all who surround you. We love you Jim and will see you again... just not yet.

*Our hearts are with you David. We wish you well in all things!
Brian and Mary Meunier Marshall, WI*

Brian Meunier - July 03, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of James Harold Stennes.



June 27, 2023 at 03:54 PM

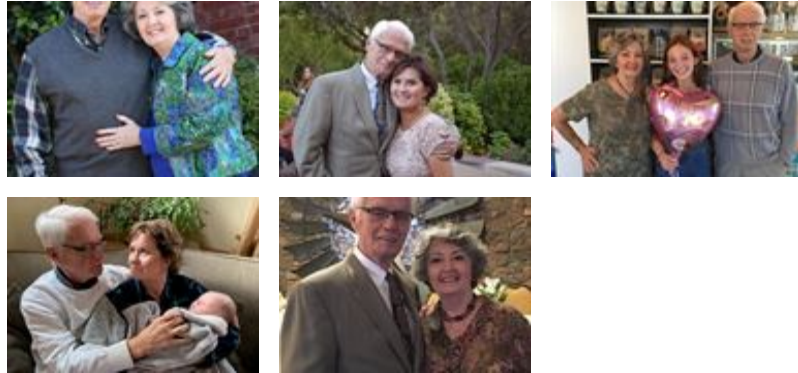


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Harold Stennes.

June 27, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Washburn-McReavy - June 27, 2023 at 10:28 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James Harold Stennes.



June 26, 2023 at 03:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of James Harold Stennes.



June 26, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Harold Stennes.*



June 26, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Mary Peyton and the family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James Harold Stennes.*



Mary Peyton and the family - June 26, 2023 at 10:56 AM