



## Mr. James Duane Swenson

September 28, 1935 - August 3, 2020

Swenson, James D. MD (1935-2020), Edina, MN. Jim passed away at his home on August 3, 2020. Born and raised in Dawson, MN, Jim was married to his beloved Shirley for 62 years. Together they had 3 children: Clark (Valerie), Julie (Dan) and Jill (Paul) and 7 grandchildren: Sam, Rachel, Mike, Matt, Zach, Max and Anna. He is also survived by two sisters: Margaret and Florence and many nieces, nephews and friends. Jim attended St. Olaf College and the University of MN for his B.A./B.S. He graduated from the University of MN Medical School in 1960. He will be remembered as humble, compassionate, a person of faith and deeply interested in people, our country and the world. He served patients first in General Practice, including a tour of duty in the US Army as a Captain in the Medical Corps with the 1st Armored Division (1962-63) prior to and during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He later completed residency in psychiatry and practiced for over 40 more years. He considered it a great privilege to care for his patients as he believed he was blessed to be a blessing to others. He was a fervent advocate on mental illness topics in multiple forums. He became an artist and woodworker in later years and passed on a love of music, science, history and language to his family whom he encouraged to be curious and life long learners. He lived his life with kindness, humor, great generosity and a grateful heart. Memorials to: Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55436 or Sarcoma Research @ University of MN Foundation, PO.Box 860266, Mpls., MN 55486. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time. Washburn-

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# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418