



James A. "Jim" Verbrugge

February 25, 1937 - January 3, 2022

Verbrugge, James A. (Jim)

Age 84 of New Brighton, passed away January 3. Preceded in death by parents Abraham and Johanna, brother Abe, son Eric, grandson Thomas. Survived and celebrated by wife of 61 years, Patti (Smart) Verbrugge; children Cynnthia (Ginny), Kim, and Jamie (Jennifer); grandchildren Ben, Tiffany (Steven), Alex, Leah, Ian, Grace, Sam, and Max; great grandchild Lucina. Jim was proud of his Nordeast upbringing and being a Vocational High alum. He was hired as a patrolman with the Univ. of MN Police Department in 1960 where he proudly served for 35 years, the last 19 as Sergeant. He created the University's campus security 4-WALK escort program and led the investigations division, among other accomplishments. Post-retirement he spent 20 years working security for Gophers athletic events. Jim loved traveling with his family, playing and watching basketball, serving people in need at Southern Anoka Community Assistance (SACA), and enjoying all things Gophers. He was the rock and moral compass for his family, providing unwavering support when needed the most. His greatest passion was his role as grandfather and he loved his grandchildren unconditionally.

Funeral Mass on Wednesday 11 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW in New Brighton. Visitation one hour prior at 10 AM. Out of concern for the health and safety of all, the family requests that attendees are vaccinated and wear facial coverings. Live streaming of the service will be

available at <https://youtu.be/0uT4SYORIJs> for those unable to attend. Private interment at Hillside Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Memorials preferred to SACA - <https://sacafoodshelf.org/donate>

www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
(612) 781-3391
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.



January 10, 2022 at 11:50 PM



“ *Much love, Keli & Brian McClary purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.



Much love, Keli & Brian McClary - January 10, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.



January 07, 2022 at 07:46 PM



“ *Irina and Richard Fursman purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet* for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.



Irina and Richard Fursman - January 07, 2022 at 08:32 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tiffany Audette - January 06, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.

January 06, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of James A. "Jim" Verbrugge.



January 06, 2022 at 01:56 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album James Verbrugge



Curt Jerde - January 06, 2022 at 12:47 PM

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As professional as he was handsome! He will always live on in the heart oh his family, friends, and all those he helped! May you rest in the peace that you deserve.

Donna - January 06, 2022 at 03:01 PM