



## Janis Blumentals

October 23, 2017

Janis Blumentals, age 85, of Golden Valley, passed away October 23, 2017. He was born December 9, 1931, in Riga, Latvia, to Rolands and Monija(Boka) Blumentals. He had an older sister, Edite Blumentals.

The family fled Latvia and traversed Europe during WW2, and at the end of the war were in northern Germany, where they remained until 1950, when they emigrated to the US to settle in the Twin Cities. Janis graduated from the U of M with a Bachelor of Architecture, and remained active in his profession until formally retiring on October 4, 2017.

Janis worked with several local firms before establishing Blumentals/Architecture in 1976. His architect wife, Susan, joined him in the firm in 1977, and they worked side by side until selling the firm in 2001. He was so proud that Blumentals/Architecture has continued as a vital and relevant practice in Minneapolis, where he continued to work until less than three weeks before his death.

Janis's life centered around his profession, but he was also known to enjoy good food and wine! Janis and Susan tended to eat their way around the world. His eclectic taste loved White Castles, champagne, caviar and all things Latvian. He was also very tradition-bound, and devoured "burned ribs and strawberry pie" every Fathers' Day for 50 years.

Janis is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Gita (Mark) Budd, Washington, DC; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Janis's life will be held at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St, Edina, Mn, 55436, on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 11 am, with visitation one hour prior, at 10 am. The family requests that attendees wear their wildest, mismatched socks as a reminder of Janis's fashion fun. He would love that!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Guthrie Theater, Minnesota Orchestra or Wolf Ridge ELC/ Harris Scholarship Fund, 6282 Cranberry Rd, Finland, Mn 55603.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ In 1995 Janis Blumentals took a chance on me and hired me right out of school and now 22 years later, I own the company that he started along with his wife Su in 1976. He taught me everything I know about the business of Architecture and gave me many opportunities to prove myself. He will be missed.

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