



John William Hedberg

March 23, 1931 - January 27, 2024

John William Hedberg, age 92 passed away at home surrounded by love on January 27, 2024. John lived a full life embracing three pillars: Believe in God • Love Family • Be Generous to All.

Born to Dorothy and Fred Hedberg in Minneapolis on March 23, 1931, John spent most of his childhood at the family home on Cedar Lake in Minneapolis exploring the beautiful natural surroundings. He attended Kenwood Elementary, West High School and the University of Minnesota pre-law and Law School.

John started his career at Venum, Newhall and Ackman law firm. He then worked as an assistant for Congressman Walter Judd in Washington DC. Returning to the Twin Cities, he dedicated over 20 years working at Hedberg & Sons, a company founded by his father, with John eventually serving as President. Hedberg & Sons was a leader in the sand and gravel and ready-mix concrete industry at a time of extensive development throughout the Twin Cities. After John's father's death in 1984, the primary location of the business was developed into Centennial Lakes in Edina with John playing a vital role. He was always proud of the community asset the land became.

John had a generosity of spirit and turned to years of volunteer and philanthropic work, all with a goal to better society. He felt blessed to be a

citizen of the United States and read extensively about history and political history always with a desire to keep learning.

He cared deeply about sharing his good fortune which led to the development of the Hedberg Foundation which has provided grants to many worthy causes including a lead gift for the Cedar Lake Regional Trail construction as well as a Chair in Brain Tumor Research at the University of Minnesota.

John had a tender heart, a keen mind and inquisitive nature. He loved fishing, reading, golf, trips near and far, sitting "at the bar" to meet new friends (much better than the corner table), and most of all his wife Jean.

He met Jean, a sparkling traveler from England, in Jan 1955 and they married that December. Initially living in Mpls, they moved to Washington DC, returning to Morningside Village and then Edina where they lived for almost 60 years. John and Jean had 4 children and family outings and a busy household became the norm.

Active in his faith community at Church of the Cross in Hopkins, John embraced friendships developed through church, golf, his many social groups (especially his poker night group which spanned decades), and Hawaiian trip connections. He loved a good party and to hit the dance floor with gusto. John enjoyed his nicknames of "Duke" and "Ace" (yes, two hole in ones!) and relaxed, fished and played games at the family's Bay Lake cabin.

Preceded in death by his parents, brother F. Norman and granddaughter Anda Moettus. John is survived by the love of his life, his wife Jean, his children Steve Hedberg (Jennifer) of Aiken, SC, Peter Hedberg (Alda Moettus) of Edina, MN, Carolyn Stucky (Todd) of Portland, OR and Tom Hedberg (Jen) of Mpls, MN, and a large extended family including many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation Friday, Feb 16 4-6PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, W 50th St & Hwy 100. Funeral Service Saturday, Feb 17 10:30AM at Church of the Cross, 201 9th Av N, Hopkins, MN followed by reception. Service will be live streamed at ofthecross.org/onlineservices. Memorials suggested to a charity of your choosing that makes you think of John. Special thanks to Methodist Hospital Hospice for wonderful care in the final days of John's life.

www.Washburn-McReavy.com

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Church Service

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Cross
201 9th Avenue North
Hopkins, MN 55343

Reception

FEB 17. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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201 9th Avenue North
Hopkins, MN 55343

Tribute Wall

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“ *In memory of our dear friend John. He will be much missed but has left wonderful memories of our friendship, love,
Jennifer and Tony Simon*

tony simon - February 16, 2024 at 08:58 AM

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“ *Jim and LaRae Hovland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William Hedberg.*

Jim and LaRae Hovland - February 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Jim and LaRae Hovland purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of John William Hedberg.*



Jim and LaRae Hovland - February 14, 2024 at 09:49 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of
John William Hedberg.*



February 09, 2024 at 02:51 PM