



John Martin Vachuska

August 17, 1932 - December 9, 2022

Vachuska, John "Jeb" Age 90, of Columbia Heights, Minnesota. Beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. Preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Mary, brother Donald and wife Maureen ("M") Sullivan. Survived by sons Tom (Judi), Joe, Jim, and Bill (Dot); sisters Alice and Jeannie; grandchildren Michael (Melissa), Molly (Keith), Joseph ("Jeb"), Madison, Nora, Alex, and Ellie; great-grandchildren Nia, Hank, and Rowan. Jeb was loved by many others including Lori, Jan, and Amy. Jeb grew up in Jackson, MN before attending college at St. John's University where he was co-captain of the football team. He was drafted to WWII in 1954 and served two years before returning home, meeting his wife, and starting a family. Jeb worked for Midland Co-op from 1954 until the mid 1980s. In retirement he enjoyed racquet ball, spending time with his family, and volunteering in his community. Mass at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 30, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson Street Northeast, Columbia Heights, with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Washburn-McReavy.com Columbia Hts Chapel 763-789-4436

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
4030 Jackson Street Northeast
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Memorial Service

JAN 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

JAN 31. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Jeb at Hilltop Camper. He was working part time in retirement, and I was a teenager. What a lucky break for me that I got to learn invaluable life lessons from Jeb. His work ethic, common sense, fairness, and willing to help others are all traits that I strive in my own life.

I loved our conversations during the slow times at work. We'd argue about sports – “Dan, today's athletes are nothing compared to the athletes of my day.” Then I'd get the list of accomplishments of Bob Feller and Ted Williams. He'd tell me about his old jobs – one that sticks out...digging some sort of telephone pole holes – “six feet down, no ice cream cones!” Another story I loved hearing was when the nudist colony would rent the racquetball club he worked at – I always laugh thinking about him describing the buffet line.

I'll sure miss the old codger, but I like to think he shaped me to be the person I am. Because of that I'll always remember Jeb.

Dan Harris
Hilltop Camper & RV

Dan Harris - January 30, 2023 at 12:08 PM

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“ Jeb was one of our great "characters" at Midland Cooperatives. I only worked there for 6 years in the early to mid 80's but I remember Jeb. He was a guy not easily forgotten....and I say that in a good way!

Dave Sack

Dave Sack - January 24, 2023 at 02:39 PM

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“ *Jeb always sat behind us at mass on Sunday. He always had something "smart" to say to us at mass. We miss his presence at mass.*

Arnie and Alice Sadowsky

Arnie and Alice Sadowsky - January 22, 2023 at 03:36 PM