



Joseph W. Jensen

October 2, 2012

Jensen, Joseph W. Age 84, was surrounded by family as he passed away in his home on October 2, 2012 from AML Leukemia. He was preceded in death by son, Jack, and sister, Shirley Fiedler. Survived by his wife, Patricia, and children, Meri Crouley (Rick), Therese Blanchard, Joseph, Mark, Jane Bohman (Terry) and Karen Abbott (Jay); 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and sister, JoAnn Olson. Joe was born in St. Paul MN, to Roy and Florence Jensen. Joe's father died when he was just two, and his loving and wonderful personality was a direct reflection of the women who raised him: his mother, and two older sisters, JoAnn and Shirley. Joe attended Central High school in St. Paul and transferred to St. Thomas Academy after his sophomore year. He earned five Letters in less than two years and was a star player in football, hockey, and baseball. Joe participated in the Twin Cities Metro All-Star baseball and football games and was voted "best all-around athlete" by his class of 1947. He went on to attend college at the University of St. Thomas where he lettered in baseball, football, and hockey. Joe loved baseball! After his standout career in high school and college, he signed a minor league contract with the Cleveland Indians. His sports career was cut short when he was drafted into the Army, but Joe continued to play in the service and played on teams to entertain the troops. After his discharge, Joe played on several baseball "town" teams and won the Wisconsin state title in 1954. He took a break from baseball to build his business career and raise his family. Joe enjoyed a long and successful career in the corrugated box

industry and co-founded Northwest Packaging. Never able to stay away from baseball for long, Joe returned to the diamond at age 52 and played in the Minnesota Over-35 League, where at age 60, he pitched and won the state title in 1987 and 1988. Joe retired from Northwest Packaging at age 70 and then went on to win the Senior Men's Roy Hobbs Over-50 National Championship, where he was named the tournament MVP. After amassing an amazing pitching record of 273-58 with an ERA of 2.45, Joe finally retired from baseball at the age of 82. He has been featured in newspapers and local TV for his many athletic accomplishments, and was recently inducted into the St. Thomas Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. Joe was a devout Christian and his deep faith guided him in life. He had a witty sense of humor and boyish charm that endeared him to all who met him. Joe was incredibly kind-hearted and happy, and a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He will be dearly missed by countless people. Visitation Monday 4-8 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at Washburn- McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd.. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday, 11 AM with visitation one hour before at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 901 E. 90th St., Bloomington. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to St. Thomas Academy. www.Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Service

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
901 East 90th Street
Bloomington, MN 55420

Visitation

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jensen Family,

I met and got to know Joe Jensen from 1969 to 2001 in a professional business relationship. At the time, I was employed at Hartzell Manufacturing, Inc. in St. Paul. We met through his employment first with Twin Town Box, and then with Northwest Packaging. Joe was always very friendly and personable whenever I met with him or saw him. Joe was fair and honest in all of our business dealings and I had a great deal of respect for him. He always made me feel good and, that we were not only business contacts, but also friends. I have great memories of Joe and I am sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

*Mark Votel
Stacy, MN*

Mark Votel - October 09, 2012 at 11:03 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Jensen.



October 06, 2012 at 09:17 AM