



## Joseph James "Unca Joe" Kissel

June 13, 2015

Kissel, Joseph James "Unca Joe" age 86, of Minneapolis, passed away June 13, 2015. He was the proud son of Slovak immigrants, Michael & Anna Kissel (nee Konecny) and a loving brother to seven siblings. Joseph worked for the city of Minneapolis as an account clerk for 30 years. He held other various accounting positions at Syweck Lumber, Paramount Pictures and Canton Lumber. As a toddler, Joe contracted Polio while living on the family farm in Cedar, MN. Joseph spent the following years in and out of Shriners Hospital and Sister Kenny Clinics. Joseph endured many prejudices regarding his polio disability but he never succumbed to that first negative impression of employers in his younger years. He simply went to the second and third interview, as many as it took to find accounting work that he loved. He attended Michael Dowling School, and was a graduate of the Minnesota School of Business. He was a very determined soul and used all of his resources to better himself. Joe worked through sleet, snow and rain with his braces and crutches, always giving his all in the worst of circumstances. Joseph's generosity to his siblings and family in their time of need was astounding. His Catholic faith sustained him through some of his darkest hours. His forgiving spirit was his daily mantra. Joe had many passions in his life, including cars, history and his Saturday gatherings. He is preceded in death by siblings, Susan Anderson Kissel, Anne Marie Kissel French, Mary Magdalene Kissel, Michael Sylvester Kissell, Harold John Kissell, and Edward Frank Kissel; baby daughter, Theresa; former wife, Margaret Rose Kissel, and

special friend, Jeanne. He is survived by loving, supportive, caring sister, Margaret Mary Kissel Stewart; Godchild, Kathleen M. Stewart; sisters-in-law, Pat Kissell and Shirley Kissel; and many other relatives and friends. A big thank you goes to Masonic Home of Bloomington, especially special caregiver Mado. We know Joe is now in the loving arms of God with his baby daughter, Theresa. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, June 18th at 11am at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (2211 Clinton Ave, Minneapolis). Interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the National Parkinson Foundation of Minnesota. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145