



## Ronald Jeane Helgeson

June 27, 1934 - March 8, 2025

Ronald J. Helgeson, age 90, longtime resident of Hopkins passed away March 8, 2025.

Preceded in death by wife Diane and son Paul. Survived by son Jim (Nancy); granddaughter Alyssa of Minnetonka; daughter Sarah (DJ) of Hopkins.

Ron was born in Zortman, Montana and later moved with his parents to Idaho. After finishing high school, he spent four years in the Air Force teaching electronics. While on military leave, Ron met the love of his life Diane. They later married and proudly spent their life together as Hopkins residents, including a stint as the 2015-2016 senior King and Queen of the Raspberry Festival.

After leaving the service, Ron began working at General Mills, then left to work in sales at Research Inc/MTS Systems for 40 years until his retirement.

Ron's favorite activities included camping, fishing, photography, and coordinating group gatherings (family reunions, campouts, block parties). He enjoyed making people smile, whether it was by handing out "happy pills", telling jokes, or wearing goofy hats.

Open house March 30, 2025 at Hopkins Activity Center, 33 14th Ave North, Hopkins MN. Parking lot is North of building. Casual conversations,

storytelling and jokes in true Ron fashion from 1-3:30pm.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron was such a special, long-term employee at MTS. He was the keeper of the company history, he documented key technological milestones, and for decades he seemed to know everyone. Even after his retirement, he remained a bit of a fixture, starting up an MTS retirees club. Such a good guy, Ron is well remembered by hundreds or even thousands!

- Vic Rantala

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**Vic Rantala** - March 23, 2025 at 01:04 PM