



## Rueben James "Jim" Westrum

November 28, 1941 - March 25, 2026

Rueben James "Jim" Westrum

84, of Minnetonka, MN passed away on March 25, 2026 of natural causes. Born in Clearbrook, MN to Rueben Nick Westrum and Anne Ernestine Schmidt, he developed and retained lifelong friendships as he grew up in Bemidji, Hopkins and Osseo. He resided in Minnetonka for more than 60 years.

Preceded in death by wife, Janet Kay Haft of Hopkins, MN, he is survived by sons James (Jean) and Buster (Cheryl); grandchildren, Matthew (Stephanie A.), Stephanie K, Nicole, and Spencer Kennison; and great-grandson Marek.

Jim proudly served as a Photographers Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy from 1959-1962 on the U.S.S. Lake Champlain Aircraft Carrier. His proudest assignment included photographing the complete space capsule and astronaut recovery of the first American in space, Alan Shepard.

Jim had a strong sense of pride, commitment and respect for our United States military. He was extremely proud to participate in his grandchildren's first salute ceremonies; U.S. Air Force Captain Matthew James Westrum (HON) and U.S. Air Force Captain Stephanie Kay Westrum (HON).

A private military honor service will be held at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life with music and refreshments will be held from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday June 1, 2026 at Medina Entertainment Center, 500 Highway 55, Hamel, MN 55340  
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# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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500 Highway 55  
Hamel, MN 55340