



## Russell William Hasselbring

March 27, 1931 - February 28, 2023

Russell William Hasselbring peacefully passed away on Tuesday, February 28th, at the age of 91.

Russ was born on March 27, 1931, in Round Prairie Township, MN. He was the second of 8 children born to Otto and Theresa (Gotham) Hasselbring. Russ helped on the family farm until he enlisted in the US Army at the age of 17. He strongly felt that it was his duty to serve his country. Russ engaged in combat on the front lines of the Korean War. After the war, he reenlisted and became a FSC Sargent while stationed in Germany.

Russ married Estelle Larson on September 21, 1959. They welcomed two amazing children: son Scott in 1960 and daughter Susan in 1963. In July 1987, Estelle passed away of pancreatic cancer.

Russ was a skilled truck driver, member of Teamsters Union, Local 544, and was employed by Century Motor Freight for 33 years. He was awarded membership in the Mack Million Mile Club (the equivalent of 40 trips around the world) with acknowledgement to his road courtesy, attention to safety and overall professionalism.

Russ was blessed to have another chance at love and married Sharyn Brezinsky on November 25, 1989. They enjoyed their retirement years together, traveling, spending time at the cabin and spoiling their grandchildren with enormous amounts of love and laughter.

Russ was always smiling, and his blue eyes shone with love and occasional mischief. He was happy, positive, and very generous. He loved to

communicate, and you were lucky if you could get a word in. Russ had hands that matched the size of his heart - Large! He portrayed calmness that was felt by those around him, and he always made you feel special. He valued a clean car and took great pride in a well-maintained lawn. He was artistic and creative; he made rocking horses and even experimented with chain saw carvings. Russ overcame his deteriorating hearing loss by having a cochlear implant at the age of 76. He showed great courage as he relearned how to process sound and speech.

In addition to his parents, Russ was preceded in death by his first wife, Estelle Hasselbring; brothers, Herm, Norbert, Jerry & Jim Hasselbring; and sister, Judy Hatch.

Russ is survived by wife, Sharyn Hasselbring; son Scott (Deborah) Hasselbring; daughter, Susan (Mark) Schaberg; stepdaughters, Kim & Lynn Brezinsky; stepson, Bill Brezinsky; grandchildren, Joel & Nicole Schaberg, and Alyssa & Tyler Brezinsky; sisters, Mary Ann Lewis and Norma Topic; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023, 11:00 AM at the First Baptist Church of Anoka located at 1235 Park Street, Anoka, MN 55303. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to: Sharing and Caring Hands; First Baptist Church of Anoka; or KTIS.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Anoka  
1235 Park Street  
Anoka, MN 55303

## Memorial Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Sue, just heard about the passing of your dear dad and wanted to send my sympathies to you and your family. He was so welcoming, with such a warm smile and rich laughter, and I loved the way he adored you. Praying much comfort and peace in his loss, trusting that sweet memories will continue to bless you. Judy Swanson

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**Judy Swanson** - March 12, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell William Hasselbring.



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March 08, 2023 at 11:26 AM

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“ Susan and Family, so sorry for your loss. I will always remember how your dad would come and edge your lawn along the driveway and walks. You were so lucky to have a father that helped you out. Keep telling his stories as he watches over you from above. Hugs! Robin

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**Robin Nelson Groves** - March 07, 2023 at 01:18 PM