

VIP Club Newsletter

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WE WANT YOU!!



Well, maybe not Uncle Sam, but the VIP Club certainly wants you! It takes a few people, aka the VIP Club Board, to take care of the business of keeping the club running. Board elections for next year are coming up and it's time to find a couple of folks that are willing to step up and help keep the VIP Club going. That's not a casual concern—our Blue Bell counterpart had to disband a few years ago. They were (**like us**) financially sound, but they could not recruit a governing Board (hopefully **not like us**). The present Board is a committed bunch, but has been virtually unchanged for the past three years. It's time to think about refreshment; a renewal process that is necessary for any sustainable organization.

We need a couple of you to step up and volunteer to be a part of the Board. Unisys Roseville employees and women are currently underrepresented; we would really welcome candidates from either group, but certainly welcome anyone else, too. Take a moment to consider helping keep this organization viable. To volunteer or to get any questions you have answered, contact Harvey Taipale or any Board member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Wine & Cheese November TBD, (formerly Unihogs & Technologists Reunion) Watch the website and e-mail/evites for more updates to come.



Coordinators are Lowell Benson and Fred Vihovde.

Old Timers' Reunion December 1, Watch the website and e-mail/evites for updates to this event in the lower-level party room at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. *Coordinators are VIP Club Board members Paul Hove and Steve Koltcs.*

Holiday Party January 8, 2023, *Coordinators are VIP Club Board members Jim Andrews and Boni Westberg.*



VIP Club Scheduled 2022 Board Meetings: October 5 and December 7. We're scheduled to meet in person at the Wescott Library. Club members may sit in if curious about club business. Contact the president 2 days prior for access.

CLUB NEWS

Board Elections Upcoming

Nominations are open for our 2023 VIP Club Board membership. Consider serving on the Board in a director or an officer role. These are volunteer positions that keep the club going. You can nominate yourself or any other club member! A slate of candidates will be presented and voted on in November.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a while since I talked about the state of the VIP Club.

We currently have 657 member "units," which include 1,098 people and 27 associate members/friends. A member unit is an older (over 55) employee or former employee of our Twin Cities legacy companies, along with their spouse. The definition of former employee is pretty straightforward—if you worked for Engineering Research Associates (ERA), UNIVAC, Sperry UNIVAC, Unisys or Lockheed Martin, you are a former employee. No matter if someone moved on to any of the many spin-off companies that arose from all of the above or elsewhere; if they ever drew a paycheck from the legacy companies, they are eligible for membership. Associate members and friends are those who wish to be affiliated, but don't qualify for a voting membership, and includes organizations like the Charles Babbage Institute and the Dakota and Ramsey County Historical Societies. Membership is heavily focused in Minnesota, but we do have members in 26 other states, and a few international members.

As we are all aware, our membership base is slowly declining. I don't have actual figures, but I believe that club membership peaked at around 2000 members.

In 1986, Sperry had over 12,000 employees in the region, the greatest concentration anywhere, so I'm



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guessing our club membership peak occurred a few years after 1986. The departure of Lockheed Martin and the downsizing of Unisys has certainly impacted our membership.

Club activities have changed over the years also. Initially, the VIP Club had an actual meeting room in the old Shepard Road facility, open only to club members and guests. A free lunch was offered monthly in the cafeteria. The club had an active agenda of service projects, outings, educational programs and social events. Today, reflecting member preferences, we have gravitated toward mostly social events, although we do recognize members' community service with our volunteer lunch.

Locally, UNIVAC split into two functional organizations, popularly referred to as "commercial" and "military," decades ago. Eventually we actually became separate companies. This separation shows in our club membership, which has become more populated with "military" legacy employees, a situation the Board would like to see change. We welcome and invite any and more Unisys retirees and employees to join the VIP Club.

Legacy history remains an important element in the VIP Club. Beginning in 2005, there has been an effort, spearheaded by club members, to recognize the technology contributions of ERA and successors. Arguably, much (maybe most) of the technology industry in Minnesota has its roots in our legacy companies. To say this is underappreciated is an understatement—the whole ERA story was absent in Minnesota's Sesquicentennial book. VIP Club members have been actively engaged in preserving, documenting and publicizing our legacy. This important preservation task is ongoing and will continue for several years.

Financially, the club is sound. Unisys continues to support our newsletter mailings, and dues have been sufficient to cover the extra expenses for our events. Our financial situation will carry us well into the future.

We do have one future threat—**Leadership!**

Make no mistake~~our present Board members are strong and effective leaders. My hat goes off to them at every Board meeting. That said, they can't continue forever, and any effective leadership team needs a regular infusion of new talent, ideas and energy to remain viable for the future. Many of you 657 member units are very capable of stepping in, and I invite each one of you to consider becoming a part of this great group and help keep this organization moving forward.

Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President

LEGACY TIDBIT

Looking Back: Ladies' Legacy?

With all the talk of trying to get more women serving on the VIP Club Board, a 2017 newsletter article caught my eye as I searched the website archives for information recently. The article addressed Legacy activities and properly asked: **"Where are the Women of our Legacy?"** It went on to say that the question was raised at a Unisys open house, and they also noted that **"none of the 16 Legacy Story Boards in the exhibits mentioned a female worker,"** and **"only 6 of the 173 career summaries posted on our website Legacy Anthology were submitted by ladies."**

So, I'll repeat that call made in 2017 for Career Summaries and Project Stories: Telling the story of our legacy is never complete—and it's barely started for the ladies! Take a look at any career summary or project/program story submitted by "our" coworkers, and those pioneers that came before them, then **Write your story for our website anthology.** Stories and experiences from two paragraphs to 20 pages and anywhere in between are acceptable. No legacy is too big or too small. We'd like to hear from ladies who worked in Admin, HR, Finance, Planning, Contracts, Marketing, Business Development, Security, etc.; wherever you worked, tell us your story! We'll edit for spelling, punctuation, awkward writing (and blasphemy?!) before posting on the web. E-mail to webmaster@vipclubmn.org or via U.S. mail to the P.O. Box in the footer of this page.

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Retirement Status and Benefits:

Numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions – you will need an SSN and a PIN.

♦ **UNISYS:** 1-877-864-7972

♦ **Lockheed Martin:** 1-866-562-2363

****LMCO retirees:** If you are eligible for the health care supplement through VIA Benefits, submit your expenses to receive up to \$900 each annually for you and your spouse (Total \$1,800). Eligible expenses include copayments, Medicare premiums and insurance supplement premiums. For questions call **VIA Benefits** at **1-844-596-0460** or go to <https://my.viabenefits.com/>.

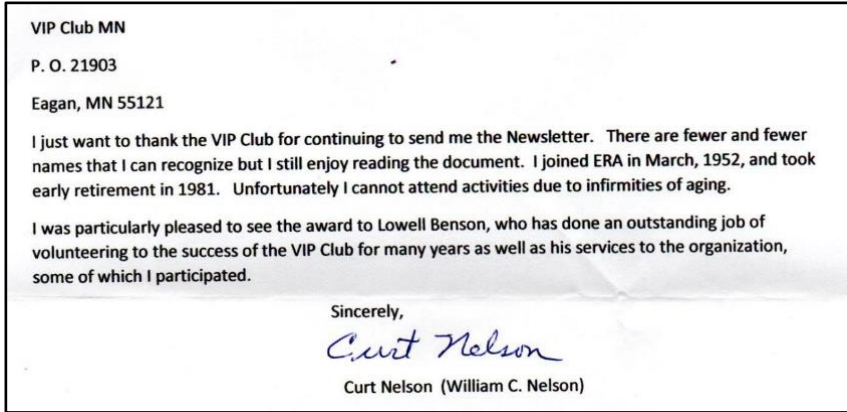
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

➤ John & Sylvia Bobbitt, Apple Valley, MN



HIS STORY

Curt Nelson recently sent the letter below to our P.O. Box. Curt was our VIP Club newsletter editor from 1988 to 1993 (<http://vipclubmn.org/history.html#Officers>). That was back when the newsletter required cutting and pasting the layout piece-by-piece on paper, **before** we could send electronic copy to a copy center/print shop.



We took a look back at Curt Nelson’s 1952-1981 career path <http://vipclubmn.org/People5.html#CurtNelson>:

William [Curt] Nelson first started working at ERA in 1952. About that same time, ERA was being sold to Remington Rand. He went to work on an automated TNT production system for the government at Joliet, Illinois, where it was his job to design an alarm and warning system. In 1954 he got onto a computer project when he was assigned the design of the input power system for a large-scale computer called the ERA 1104 for Westinghouse to be installed at Patrick AFB near Melbourne, FL. Its function was guidance of the Bomarc missile to attack enemy aircraft.

He was involved in another large-scale system to be installed at Eglin AFB in Florida. In 1959, he was assigned design responsibilities for portions of the Titan I ground guidance computer, and project engineer follow-on duties. He was moved to the A-NEW program, supervising computer checkout of the missile borne computer program, then became supervisor of design and development for the 1830, an Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) aircraft borne computer system project, which subsequently developed into a production program and where he was assigned the systems engineering task. He was involved similarly with the ongoing P-3C program until his early retirement in 1981.

Curt wrote this about his 29-year career on the website: “In retrospect, I cannot point to any outstanding achievements since for the most part I was a “plugger,” filling in holes in the programs that needed attention and mostly jobs nobody else wanted. However, the jobs I had gave me an opportunity to work with the finest people imaginable and count them as my friends. I put in nearly 30 years of doing what I was assigned to the best of my ability with a company that I highly respected.”

Thanks for the letter, Curt, and for your 29 years with the company, followed by serving with the VIP Club!

MORE LEGACY TIDBITS

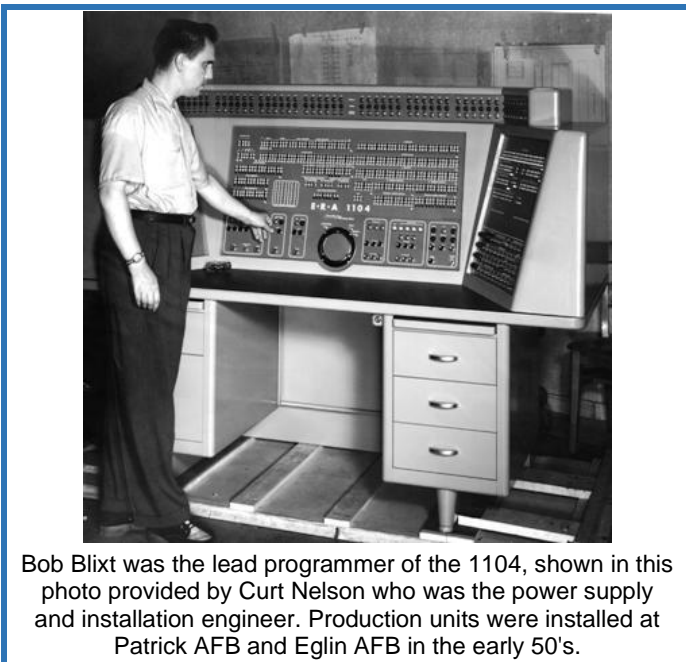
Legacy Update

Keith Myhre spent several weeks updating/editing/cleaning up the tables in the artifact Access database:

- ✓ Merged the Failure Analysis table with the Photos – Scanned table and deleted the Failure Analysis table
- ✓ Entered descriptions and categorized all slides needing same; all of the slides are now fully categorized and up to date
- ✓ Made major editing/corrections/categorization/spelling/identification/description changes to the Photos – Scanned table
- ✓ Made editing changes to all other tables

The current status of cataloging efforts:

- ✓ 35 mm Slides table: 10,091 scanned and cataloged
- ✓ Scanned Photos table (CBI negatives and DCHS prints): 21,035 database records cataloged (front and back of 13,170 prints have been scanned)
- ✓ Digital Photos table: 2,680 cataloged
- ✓ Public Relations table: 1,845 DCHS records cataloged (not scanned yet)



Bob Blixt was the lead programmer of the 1104, shown in this photo provided by Curt Nelson who was the power supply and installation engineer. Production units were installed at Patrick AFB and Eglin AFB in the early 50's.

- ✓ Document Inventory table (Documents/ Brochures/Manuals/etc.): 4,448 items cataloged (only a few have been scanned)
- ✓ Publications (Newsletters): 2,400+ cataloged (none scanned)
- ✓ Transparencies: 13 cataloged (none scanned)
- ✓ Videos (VHS/Beta/DVD/CD): 280 (156 digitized)

The collections have over 200,000 images between CBI negatives and DCHS prints/slides/digital photos:

- ✓ Slides = 10,091 images
- ✓ Scanned Photos (assumes 5 images/record primarily because of negatives) = 5 x 21,035 = 105,175 images
- ✓ Digital Photos = 2,680 images
- ✓ Public Relations (sampled 100 records = 4,290 images) = 43 x 1,845 = 79,335 images

Remaining tasks:

1. Organize/scan/catalog remaining 35 mm slides (estimated 3,000-5,000)
2. Scan already cataloged Photo prints that haven't yet been linked together (500??)
3. Scan Public Relations photos (1,845)
4. Organize/catalog documents/photos/items donated in past 1-2 years
5. Scan/catalog transparencies/viewgraphs (500-1,000??)
6. Scan employee directories/phone books
7. Scan technical descriptions
8. Scan data sheets
9. Scan brochures
10. Scan selected manuals that aren't available online via the bit-savers website (<http://bitsavers.informatik.uni-stuttgart.de/>); it has over 32,000 documents.

When the Lawshe Museum reopens early next year, we plan to get our Legacy equipment back in operation to restart work using the updated Access database. The database is not available for website posting yet. If a club member wants to do some individual research using the 'incomplete' database, ask either Keith Myhre or Lowell Benson for a copy.

AND, it is time to reconstitute our volunteer cadre at the museum for 2023—five workstations are available! We work on Tuesdays when the museum is not open to the public, thus can focus on the job without visitor interference. More hands and minds on the scanning and cataloging could lead to a SUCCESS declaration in 2024!

Thanks for Keith Myhre's unwavering diligence!

Lowell A. Benson'

Legacy Success! We just met the goal of 200 career summaries set January 12, 2006 at the Legacy Committee's first meeting. Thanks to Les Nelson, we also posted his Programmable Signal Processor (PSP) development paper as Our Stories, September 2022.

Legacy History Capturing

A decade ago, I discovered the bitsavers.org website. Knowing that some websites tend to disappear, I downloaded about a couple of dozen files that were relevant to our computer history. If you look near the bottom of most computer chapters, you'll find tech manuals listed that were/are on their site. The stimuli for doing this was that Al Reiter had a website with two excellent UNIVAC I chapters. When he had dementia a few years before passing, his site was shut off. I had, with his permission, grabbed a copy of his pages, and am glad that I did! Take a look at Our Stories 169, June (<http://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html#2012>), a doublet created by Al Reiter has two web pages. The first is about maintenance people who worked on and with the [UNIVAC I](#) computer {Ed note: Updated 3/28/2020}. 168, the second, is about the [UNIVAC I](#) hardware. If I hadn't grabbed those two pages, some detail UNIVAC I history would have been lost.

The Unisys Blue Bell retirees club had a website that our club was linked to. Unfortunately, when they shut down, their site was lost. I hadn't grabbed a copy of their site; therefore, we only have a few of their final newsletters: <http://vipclubmn.org/newsletters.html#BlueBell>. What if our VIP Club dissolves as Blue Bell did? A lot of 'stuff' will remain at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, thanks to Keith Myhre, and several other volunteers. Almost annually, I have burned a disc with the complete website and provided it to the Charles Babbage Institute for our history preservation. This article is my reminder to do another disc burn.

Lowell A. Benson



Les Nelson, Tricia Myhre, Jon Simon, Keith Myhre cataloging documents, photos and slides (Jan. 9, 2018)

IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, or applicable local listings.

The VIP Club board extends its sympathies to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.

~William Wordsworth~

Marvin “Marv” C. Aho – Age 81, of Forest Lake, MN, passed away peacefully with Yvonne by his side on August 9, 2022. He worked at Unisys, Roseville, doing quality work for over 25 years in manufacturing. Coworkers remember hearing his name over the PA system at Plant 4, or knew both Marv and Yvonne from the Unisys (UNIVAC) bowling and ski groups. Marv proudly served in the US Navy, and after was an active member of the Forest Lake VFW, known to him as “The Club.” He was a member of the Navy LST Minnesota chapter; he would help drive veterans to appointments, and served as the secretary treasurer for many years. Marv remained in contact with his shipmates and looked forward to their yearly reunions. He enjoyed all activities dealing with the family farm, whether it was planting trees or taking the tractor out for a drive. He was a good steward for the environment and was also very proud of his Finnish heritage. Marv is survived by his special friend, Yvonne Swanson, one son, two adopted daughters and other extended family.



Erwin Lovern Bourgeois – Age 85, of St. Michael, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family on August 14, 2022 after complications from colon cancer surgery. Erwin worked as an Electrician’s Assistant before joining the Army where he became a paratrooper, making over 15 jumps before returning home to take over the family farm after his father’s death; he continued to serve in the Army reserves. He met Albina at a dance hall, fell in love, and soon married; he was a devoted Christian who loved his family, farming and big gardens. After retiring after 30 years from Unisys as a computer wire wrap technician, he developed most of their 90-acre farm into a beautiful residential neighborhood known as “Bourgeois Hills.” Erwin and Albina kept a sizable garden for many years, from which people would come from all over to buy their delicious tomatoes, and would often find a surprise extra zucchini or cucumber in their bag. Erwin gave generously to many—trusting that God would always provide. He enjoyed events like the meat raffle and Rockin’ Rogers, loved playing cards and going to the casino, but was never lucky until the last



church festival where he won the \$100 that he donated to the drawing. Erwin was also a talented inventor—able to repurpose almost anything. He loved to take his family to Machinery Hill at the state fair, enjoyed bowling – especially Wii bowling with the grandkids, was a fan of a great smorgasbord, and keen for a great deal. Erwin was preceded in death by his son, and was survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Albina (Bena) Kozmik, two daughters, five grandkids, a great-grandchild and other family and friends.

Leslie Wayne Kauluwehi Bruchal – Age 74, of Apple Valley, MN, passed away July 16, 2022, with his wife, Betty by his side. Leslie was a proud Vietnam Army Veteran, bravely serving with the 101st Airborne and was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He worked at Pearl Harbor in his younger years and then worked all around the country for Lockheed Martin over 30 years. After retirement, Leslie worked a part-time job as a driver at Apple Valley Ford to keep busy. Leslie was a wonderful chef to friends and family, loved watching his family members play sports, playing with his grandkids and golfing with his buddies. Leslie leaves behind his legacy of the Hawaiian spirit of Ohana (family), unwavering friendships and cherished memories. He is survived by his beloved wife, Betty Bruchal, four children, four grandchildren and other family and dear friends.



Vincent “Vince” Paul Byrne – Age 81 of Apple Valley, MN, passed away July 30, 2022. Preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Virginia (Ginny), former Lockheed Martin employee and VIP Club member, who passed away August 17, 2019, and survived by four children, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Vince obtained an aeronautical engineering degree from St. Louis University and during the summers participated in a Marine leadership training program in Quantico, VA. Upon graduation, he turned down his commission and moved his wife and children to Apple Valley to start his career. He spent the bulk of his career at Donaldson Corp and Honeywell, retiring from Honeywell. A nearly 60-year resident of Apple Valley, Vince was instrumental in the formation and development of the VAA. In his spare time, he enjoyed crossword puzzles and woodworking.



Ethel S. Cich – Age 83, of St. Paul, MN, passed away May 1, 2022. Ethel was a 35+-year employee of UNIVAC/Sperry/Loral/Lockheed Martin, mainly the Shepard Road location. She retired in 1999 from the Eagan location and became a VIP Club member. After retirement she enjoyed taking care of her grandkids, family get-



together, porch sitting, movies, shopping and volunteering at the hospital. Ethel cherished life-long friendships, staying in contact until the end with some of the friends from work, for which Ethel's daughter sends thanks through the VIP Club. Ethel is preceded in death by her husband, James, a daughter and a granddaughter, and is survived by three daughters, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and countless family and friends.

John Siao Kwet Toong Fang-Yen –

Age 81, died peacefully at home in Spring Lake Park, MN, on August 10, 2022. John was born in Port Louis, Mauritius, earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics at The University of Newcastle and an Advanced Diploma in Operations Research from Greenwich University in London, which is where he met Rosemay Hiu, a fellow Chinese-Mauritian student. John and Rosemay married and immigrated to Minnesota where they raised four children, and John worked at UNIVAC/Unisys as a computer programmer until his retirement. He was known to friends and family as a kind and gentle person with a good sense of humor. He was a loving and devoted husband and father, who enjoyed music, art, fishing, table tennis and travel. He is survived by his wife, Rosemay, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and other family.



Ernest Sharp “Trey” Griffith, III – Age 86 of St. Louis Park, MN, passed away August 11, 2022. Known as Trey to close friends and family, he was born in Minneapolis, MN, but lived as a resident in the same home in St. Louis Park since 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree from the University of Minnesota and started a career of over 30 years with Sperry Rand Corporation/UNIVAC/Unisys in design engineering. Trey was a co-inventor with the company, receiving four patents of protection. After retiring from Unisys, Ernest became one of the first of five former Unisys engineers to join (the then new) Bloomington, MN startup firm, The Oxboro Technologies Group, Inc. While there he contributed to the successful completion of two federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contracts, one industry-sponsored IR&D contract and in house product developments. Trey is survived by a brother, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joann W. Hayton – Age 86, passed away peacefully February 28, 2022. Joann is survived by her current husband, Robert Sund, who worked at Unisys in Roseville for 28 years doing printed circuit board design. Joann met Robert, the love of her life, in high



school in Illinois, but he moved with his family to the North Dakota prairie at the beginning of their senior year. Joann went on to become the class valedictorian, get married, raise six children, and put her strong work ethic, learned from her parents, to good use waitressing throughout her life. She cherished friendships developed through Avon and Tupperware sales, the Welcome Wagon and catering Lions Club dinners, spent time in her numerous flower gardens, enjoyed square dancing, baseball and was a loyal Cubs fan. Joann gave many hours to church as pianist, organist and choir member and director. She left a legacy of prayer and faith, passing it down to her children and grandchildren. At her 50th high school reunion, she was reunited with Robert Sund. They dated for 6 weeks, married, then spent a wonderful 12 years together. Joann was preceded in death by first husband, Jack, of 33 years, and second husband Lyle Harms. She is survived by husband Robert (Bob) Sund, 6 children, 29 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren (#32 on the way) and many other family members.

Dorothy Margaret (Williams) Maus – Age 90, passed

away peacefully at home surrounded by family June 14, 2022. Dorothy married her husband, VIP Club member, Dale, almost 70 years ago. They lived in Connecticut while Dale was in the Navy and Dorothy worked at an electronic manufacturer, then in Columbia Heights while Dale attended the University of Minnesota, and moved to Fridley where they lived for 24 years, raising their four children. They moved to Phoenix, AZ, and once retired spent summers in MN and winters in AZ. Dorothy was a loving mother, wife, friend and good cook whose family and friends will greatly miss her homemade bread, rolls, potato salad and Christmas cookies. Dorothy is survived by her husband, Dale, four children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many other family members.

Gerald Allen “Jerry” Nickell – Age

81, of Little Canada, formerly of Stillwater, MN, passed away suddenly doing what he loved while on a fishing trip in Devils Lake, ND. Jerry was a VIP Club member who loved fishing and cheering on the Vikings and Twins. He also enjoyed golf, but pickleball was his passion. Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife, Roberta, and will be sadly missed by his wife, Rosie, three children, five grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, Rosie's four children and 6 grandchildren, as well as other family members.

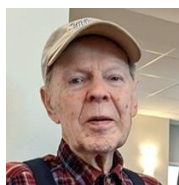


Barbara E. “Betty” Petschauer – Age 89 of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully August 15, 2022. She and her husband, former Unisys employee from Roseville Plant 3, Richard ‘Dick’ Petschauer, are long-time VIP Club members. Dick was a Unisys Fellow

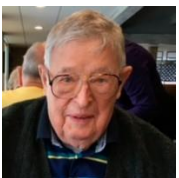


who made several contributions to the Legacy Anthology. Betty, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, was a volunteer for several years at Hennepin County Library and Fairview Southdale Hospital. Long-time member of St. Patrick's in Edina. She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Richard, 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and other family.

LeRoy C. “Roy” Rees – Age 91, of Roseville, MN, passed away on August 11, 2022. Roy attended Trinity College, Luther College and the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was employed by Unisys for 32 years; coworker Paul Dickson remembers working with LeRoy as a great guy who was liked and respected by all in Roseville in the late 70's and early 80's. Roy and Dolores “Laurie” Anderson were united in marriage for 62 years. Roy was a resident of Roseville since 1957 where he was an active member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church. He is preceded in death by his wife, Laurie, and is survived by his 4 children, 18 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

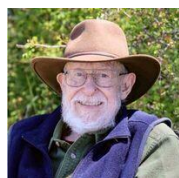


John Alex Roegge – Age 90, died peacefully, with family at his side, on February 2, 2022 in Naples, FL. John was born in Canada as a preacher's kid, spent most of his childhood years growing up in Minnesota, attended Macalester College and then graduated from the University of Minnesota. It was at the U of M that he met his wife, Marilyn Panning. After college John was called into the U.S. Army and stationed at Camp Chaffee, AR. Following his military service, John began his professional career in marketing at General Mills. He later took a position at the Sperry Corporation where he was employed in the Sperry UNIVAC/Unisys marketing department, primarily as a coordinator, facilitator, etc. for over 25 years. John and Marilyn were active at church and school where John served as congregation president, taught Bible classes, and served on his children's high school board of directors. After Marilyn died, John moved from Edina to Naples, FL, where he developed a large circle of friends. John enjoyed history and was a Civil War buff; he also loved



spinach, Spam® and sports, particularly Major League Baseball. John was preceded in death by his loving wife Marilyn, a sister and longtime companion Barbara David, and is survived by three children, two grandsons and other family.

William “Bill” Frederick Thisius – Age 88 of La Conner, WA, passed away August 4, 2022. Bill excelled at math and drafting, so pursued an education and got work experience at Watrous Company, Honeywell and Beloit Iron Works before joining the U.S. Armed



Forces. Bill graduated from the University of Wisconsin as an Electrical Engineer, working for UNIVAC and Honeywell. Bill enjoyed boating throughout the Pacific Northwest. Storytelling, joke telling, fishing, camping and gunkholing were favorite things. He was active in the Puget Sound Possession Sound Power Squadron (PSPS), teaching all levels of boating safety and navigation, and serving as Commander for three years. Other interests included bluegrass music, fine woodworking and ham radio operation. While working in Beloit, he met Clara Kamm, won her heart and married her. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to the Midwest with his young family; Bill and Clara raised three children and lived in Circle Pines, MN and Edmonds, WA. After the children all grew up, they lived at Shelter Bay in La Conner, WA and most recently the La Conner Retirement Inn. Bill is preceded in death by a son, a niece and other family, and is survived by his wife, Clara, two children, two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters along with many other beloved relations.

Joyce Marie Wolske – Age 83, of Inver Grove Heights, MN, passed away on June 22, 2022. Joyce was one of four children and the only daughter born to her parents; she was the wife of Oscar LaVere Wolske, a longtime employee and VIP Club member, who died in 2021. Joyce is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and other family members; she is preceded in death by her husband, Oscar, as well as other family.



Henry E. “Hank” Zierhut – Age 85, of Cass Lake, MN, passed away October 8, 2021. Hank was a career engineer at Sperry/Unisys. He was preceded in death by his wife, Giselle, a son, and other family, and survived by two children, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews and a sister.





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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gathering

- **1st Thursday**, 8 a.m. – **Capitol View Cafe**, 637 Smith Ave., **St. Paul**

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday**, 11:00 a.m. – **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan**, 4625 Nicols Rd. **Keith Behnke**: 651-587-2591.
- **2nd Tuesday**, 11:30 a.m. – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court between the elevator & Burger King. **Paul Wennerstrom**: 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Saturday** of odd-numbered months, 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, 1881 West Hwy 36, **Roseville**. **Urho Rahkola**: 651-429-3319. **Temporarily Suspended**

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

- **2nd Wednesday**, 9 a.m. in Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. – Eagles Club, 563 Old Hwy 8 in **New Brighton**. **Paul Dickson**: 651-482-9934. **Temporarily Suspended**

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