

◆ When and where are the next VIP Club activities? ◆ ◆ Is Unisys Leaving Eagan? ◆
◆ Is my membership expiring? ◆ ◆ What is the future of the VIP Club? ◆
Look for the answers in this issue of the Club newsletter . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Party January 7, 2024. Plan to join us for this entertaining Sunday afternoon:

- ◆ 1:00 p.m. – Cocktails and socializing
- ◆ 2:00 p.m. – Delicious dinner of your choice
- ◆ After dinner – A Concert of Holiday Music selections by the Eagan Men’s Chorus for your listening enjoyment

Watch for your Evite which will include the final details and dinner choices and RSVP as directed. We hope you are able to attend! Coordinators are VIP Club board members *Jim Andrews and Boni Westberg.*

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

April 2024! This year’s event will be similar to previous luncheons where, in keeping with a long-standing tradition, the VIP Club will recognize volunteers with a FREE lunch at Joseph’s Grill in Saint Paul. Watch for the reservation form on the website or an evite in February. Coordinator: *Harvey Taipale*

SOCIAL REPORTS & ARTICLES

Just Happened or Happening Now??

Annual Old Timers’ Reunion November 2 at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bag lunches were served, and **Elections** of 2024 VIP Club board members were held. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a board member, contact *Jim Andrews at 651-357-6033.*

Previously . . .

Roseville Good Old Days

On **September 14**, about 160 retirees, mostly Roseville, attended the 2023 RGOD reunion. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time, both inside and out on the deck. The facility, the Rosetown American Legion, worked out very well. As many remember, it was the site of our first reunion in 2008 when over 250 attended. The event



grew over the years to over 450 in 2012, the peak year, and ranged between 275 and 400 through 2019. RGOD was suspended during the COVID years of 2020-2021, and attendance last year was about 200. It is a special day for many, and we are already booked for 2024! See the photos later in the newsletter. *Dave Kleba*

Happy Hour Club members gathered on **September 21** at Yankee Tavern in Eagan, formerly known as Valley Lounge, aka “The Open” to many former employee regulars. With beverages and appetizers in the friendly company of former coworkers, a fun, happy time was had by close to 50 attendees.

SPORTS AND RECREATION



The 2023 golf season has finished for the Unified Legacy Golf League (ULGL), a combination of the golf leagues at Unisys and Lockheed Martin. The ULGL is made up of 252 members who are current or former Unisys, Lockheed Martin and their legacy companies’ employees (or their family and friends). Teams play weekly from May to September at four local courses (Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids, Phalen Golf Course in St. Paul, Emerald Greens in Rosemount and Southern Hills in Farmington), along with nine tournaments. The tournaments were played at various Twin Cities and western Wisconsin area courses every three weeks from late April to early October. We had 1,035 entrants, averaging 115 players per event. An end-of-season league championship was played at Keller Golf Course in Maplewood, where the winning team from Bunker Hills was the victor. Our usual season-ending banquet was held at Mancini’s Char House in St. Paul in October with 88 members attending.

Next year’s league president will be Ron Shursen, and Mark Johnson will be the vice president. The league is always looking for new players or teams; call Keith Behnke at 651-587-2591 with questions.

Keith Behnke



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is said that the only sure thing in life is death and taxes. While that old proverb has its truth, the only certain thing in our lives is change. Changes in how we look, how we feel and what we perceive as important in our lives are just a few things that come to mind, but it is the evolution of technology over the past 100 years that fascinates me the most. Though I am too young to have witnessed the changes in the early part of the 20th Century, I rely on the stories of my parents and siblings to fill that void.



My father was born in 1910 on a farm in central Minnesota. When he was 23, he purchased a quarter section of land which eventually became our family farm where I grew up. It was an open prairie for crops with ample forest to provide plenty of material to build a house and barn. There was no electricity until my dad was in his late 20s. I came along in 1957 and I remember having a TV in the early 60s (my uncle was a TV repairman so it was one of our few modern perks). We actually had a television before we had an indoor toilet! I share this short story with you because I continue to be amazed at how hard it must have been for the early farmers to settle the land before we had electricity and power equipment. My dad witnessed a true revolution in his life as a farmer.

I look at the changes I have witnessed throughout my life, and the one that stands out to me is the electronics revolution we all lived through. We all know the stories of our own careers and how we participated in that revolution firsthand. I continue to encourage you to share those stories with the Club by submitting them for posting on the website and/or as a newsletter story (send to webmaster@vipclubmn.org or clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org).

We have lived through amazing times. We are now at the beginning of another revolution, the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution. It should be very interesting. We witnessed a lot through the last 100 years—it has been, and continues to be, quite a ride.

Change is the one constant. With that in mind, please read the following: “VIP Club Future.”

Don't wait, participate.

Steve Koltas, VIP Club President

VIP Club Scheduled Board Meetings: December 6 and February 7. We're scheduled to meet in person at the Eagan Wescott Library. Club members may sit in if curious about club business. Contact the president two days prior for access.

CLUB INFORMATION

VIP Club Future

Do you want the VIP Club to keep going? Send an e-mail with your opinion to: membership@vipclubmn.org.

The idea for a retiree club came from Millie Gignac in the fall of 1979 when she started planning a retiree clubroom at the Shepard Road facility. The Club was officially organized 43 years ago (1980). In 1984, as the “Sperry Retiree Club,” it was registered with the IRS as a 501c nonprofit social and recreation club. The name was changed to “VIP Club” in 2007.

At VIP Club social events, we always receive many positive comments about the event and newsletter. To keep those social events and newsletters going, we need a few volunteers to step forward.

We are reaching that point where we may be required to consider shutting the VIP Club down if we cannot fill all the board positions. We currently have two openings on the board. The board meets the first Wednesday every other month (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct and Dec) at the Wescott Library in Eagan from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

We have 621 active members; 7 are new this year and 77 are “Life Members,” age 90 or older. The Club has enough money in the bank to continue subsidizing our social events. Only 6 more years and we can celebrate our 50th anniversary! Let's keep it going!

If you are able, consider volunteering to join the board. The annual commitment is only 12 hours. Come onboard and help us make it to our 50th anniversary.

Ghislan Devlaminck

Membership

Click here to check if your membership expires this December 31: [ExpireAtYearend.pdf \(vipclubmn.org\)](#).

Check your VIP Club renewal year here: <https://vipclubmn.org/Temp/PaidMembershipStatus2023.pdf>.

If you are not a current member, please join us ([membership form](#)). We would love to have you.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Is Unisys Leaving Eagan?

According to an October 17 Pioneer Press article, “Unisys plans to leave its 32-acre Eagan campus as the city envisions new development.” A Unisys spokesperson confirmed that Unisys will maintain a foothold and continue its operations in the Twin Cities. VIP Club board member Keith Behnke unofficially heard that the Unisys Data Center will be moving to the IronGate Data Center in the Tamarack Village in

Woodbury in 2024. No word on the balance of the Unisys operation in Eagan.

Regarding the VIP Club, our newsletter printing is subject to change, and a Shadowbox move committee will facilitate the preservation of historical artifacts, etc.

The city of Eagan is developing the [Northwest Central Commons Small Area Plan](#), for which the goal is “to balance the needs and desires of community members, the city council and property owners like Unisys,” according to Jill Hutmacher, community development director for Eagan.

The draft plan for the area includes mixed-use development with retail, office, residential and public space uses. The Small Area Plan will help the future buyer of the Unisys campus understand what the city council may approve in a development plan. See more at <https://www.twincities.com/unisys-leaving-eagan-campus> by [MARAYA KING](#) | mking@pioneerpress.com).

LEGACY STORY

Our Stories – Letter to the Editor

In September we referenced the *TCRS Program* (Trident Carry-Onboard Reduction System) story, found at www.vipclubmn.org/Articles/TCRSprogram.pdf. We received the following response from Ron Schroeder, who called his letter “all part of the fun of remembering and the great times of being a UNIVAC employee:”

It was with great interest that I read the recap and Legacy paper about the TCRS Program in the last newsletter. I happen to be the marketer responsible for Trident or ‘Boomer’ programs back in the mid-80s. The TCRS program was a competitive procurement that we won by using our technical advantage and submitting a superior proposal. Our primary ‘technical advantage’ was centered around the AN/UYK-502 because it emulated the AN/UYK-20/44, was fully militarized, could fit through a submarine hatch, worked with a large number of peripheral devices and was affordable.

Although this was a relatively small procurement in dollars (\$1.4M?), we still had to go through most of the same hoops as a major competitive procurement. This was expensive and time-consuming. To make matters worse, the proposal effort took place at the closing of our fiscal year and that meant the B&P wallet was empty. In fact, there were a couple of times when the money ran out and we were told to shut down the proposal effort; but then the angel of financial miracles appeared and saved the day.

An engineer I remembered that worked on the proposal and attended the negotiation session with the Navy at Newport, RI, was Doug McIntrye. Doug was a sharp-witted, seasoned engineer and an all-around great guy. His contributions proved to be invaluable.

I left the submarine marketing group and lost track of the TCRS program shortly after it was kicked off. I do, however, remember some negative comments about there being ‘too tight a schedule’ and ‘not enough money.’ I dismissed these comments.

Ron Schroeder

Twin Cities Software Process Improvement Network (TwinSPIN)

Jim Plasek, Unisys Eagan, asked Lowell Benson to make a Unisys presentation to TwinSPIN, a U of MN Software Engineering Center group (<https://cse.umn.edu/umsec/twinspace>).

The talk, *Unisys, Innovation History*, is scheduled for February 1, 2024 when Lowell plans to expand https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/ERA-History_Talk.pdf.

More in the Jan/Feb news.



RCHS

The Ramsey County Historical Society will celebrate 75 years in 2024. As they plan events, the theme suggested by an advisory committee (same group that planned the June 15 plaque unveiling) is *Innovation*, including the computing industry as triggered by ERA. This may include some shadowboxes that were moved from Roseville to Eagan in 2017

(<https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/ThroughTheAges.pdf>).

IBM Mystery Solved

Keith Myhre found an unpublished paper, *The First Computer Company*, on the Hagley Museum site ([https://vipclubmn.org/Documents/Sperry_UNIVAC_The_First_Computer_Company - Chapter 3 ERA by George Champine - 1979.pdf](https://vipclubmn.org/Documents/Sperry_UNIVAC_The_First_Computer_Company_-_Chapter_3_ERA_by_George_Champine_-_1979.pdf)). Section 3.3 Business Environment paragraph 2 on page 10 is: “Well before the 1101 announcement, ERA was becoming known in the infant computer industry. In 1949, ERA contracted to do a paper design for IBM on a punched card, magnetic drum computer system intended for business use. ERA’s design was to be judged competitively with those of two internal IBM groups. Few if any of ERA’s technical contributions seem to have found their way into what eventually became the IBM 650. However, two extensive patents came out of the effort, and these were assigned to IBM as sponsor of the project. In addition, a cross-licensing agreement between ERA and IBM gave IBM access to ERA’s then pending patents in magnetic drum storage.”

Lowell Benson

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/>.

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.

“Those we love don’t go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.”
 ~Alex MacLean, [Grave Situation](#)

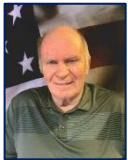
James Francis Alexander – Age 86 of St. Paul, MN passed away peacefully June 13, 2023. Jim served his country in the U.S. Army. He then worked at Unisys and retired after 30+ years. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and a son, and is survived five children, seven grandchildren and nieces, nephews and other family and friends.



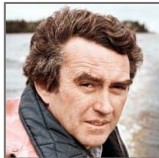
Jack Jerome Anfinson – Age 89, passed away peacefully February 1, 2023 surrounded by his loving family. Jack was employed by UNIVAC/Unisys for 38 years, and Sun Country Airlines for 20 years. Jack is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty, two children and two grandchildren.



William “Bill” Bailey – Age 79, passed away peacefully May 1, 2023. Bill earned his degree from the University of MN, while lettering in cross-country, and was then drafted into the Army. After his service, he worked at Unisys as a systems analyst. He had many interests that led him many places: his passion for bodybuilding led to him volunteering at Stillwater State Prison where he coached the craft to inmates; Bill’s love of reading led to volunteering as a reading buddy at White Bear public schools; and as an avid runner, he volunteered for the Special Olympics.



Daniel Richard Brophy – Age 86, passed away in Taylorsville, UT September 8, 2023. Dan was a Sloan Foundation Scholar at the University of MN where he graduated cum laude with a BS in Mathematics. He held management positions at several computing and network companies starting with UNIVAC (now Unisys) and finishing as Pacific Operations President for Tektronix. Dan was an avid skier, fisherman and world traveler. He retired to Park City where he enjoyed hosting his family. Dan is survived by his wife, Judy, three children, a daughter-in-law and six grandchildren.



Larry Byers – Passed away September 2023. Larry, married at 18 to his 17-year-old wife, Cheryl, served in the Navy. He then began over 50 years as an industry pioneer: a witness, contributor, innovator and computer design leader. His first computer job was with the University of Illinois as a service technician on the ILLIAC–I computer. He later joined EMR Computer, eventually purchased by Sperry, then Digital Equipment Corp. He returned to Sperry/Unisys and became the main architect and design lead for numerous IO systems, a scientific processor, memory systems and a non-volatile I/O cache system. Many Unisys coworkers shared that it was a privilege to have known Larry. As a design leader, he had the ability to architect, specify, organize and lead his group. Larry eventually joined QLogic Corporation Peripherals Group, which was eventually purchased by Marvell and from which he retired. Larry holds over 50 U.S. Patents and has twice been awarded the Minnesota Governor Certificate of Commendation for achievements as an inventor.

James Kenneth “Jim” Cady – Age 77, of Eagan passed away September 2, 2023, with his devoted wife, Mary, at his side. Jim went to the University of MN and St. Cloud State for his BS in mathematics and economics, and later earned an MBA in international business at the University of St. Thomas. Jim had a 40-year career with Sperry UNIVAC → Lockheed Martin while not changing his desk location. He worked on multiple teams bidding, organizing and eventually managing domestic and international Naval programs, with the U.S. Navy and foreign allies. He served as program manager on complex programs, enjoying extensive travel, with Greece as his favorite. Jim relocated his family to Groton, CT to work on software for the first nuclear submarine, and also transferred to Newport, RI to lead a project. The only time he was anxious giving a presentation was to 17 generals at NATO in Europe. Jim was an avid Twins and Vikings fan; he loved to fish, play cards with Applewood Pointe friends, cruise in his boat from Mary for his 40th birthday, and golf, doing so for years in a Lockheed Martin league. Jim was a faithful and supportive husband and father, had a quick wit, loved to make people smile and was gentle and kind. His last few years were difficult, as he struggled with Lewy Body Dementia and its cognitive and speech problems. Jim is survived by his wife, a daughter, many nieces and nephews who adored their uncle Jim and other family.



Bruce Clark – Age 81, passed away November 21, 2022. Bruce graduated from the University of MN with an electrical engineering degree. He retired from Lockheed Martin after 35 years as a Program Manager. Bruce enjoyed fishing, skiing and tall ship sailing trips with friends and family. He was a reliable source of sound advice, was a master puzzle solver and with the right tools and raw materials he could fix anything. Bruce is survived by his wife, Pam, three sons, two step-children and other family.



Virginia Lee Dondanville – Age 82, of Maplewood, MN died August 30, 2023 surrounded by family. Virginia was a former Unisys employee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and is survived by three children, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other family.

Peter Freeman – Age 96, passed away January 21, 2023. Peter worked in Unisys Human Resources for many years, devising and conducting training for Unisys managers throughout the country. Peter had a large group of about 50 childhood friends, including spouses. For many years, he and his wife, Joan, would host “The Rose Hill Closed” – a golf outing starting with brunch at their home. He also loved family gatherings at which he would organize a group photo. Peter is survived by his loving wife, Joan, three children, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Carl William Glewwe – Age 96, a longtime resident of Eagan, MN passed away in August 2023. Carl was a proud U of MN graduate in electrical engineering. His career included serving in the Navy and working at UNIVAC/Sperry, Minnesota Energy Agency, SenTech, Burdick and Lynn Temporary. Carl was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Carol, and is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other family.



John Stephen Grindle – Age 92, of Apple Valley, MN passed away August 23, 2023 surrounded by family. John served in the Marine Corps, attended Ohio State University and started his technical writing career at North American Aviation in Columbus, OH. The family moved to MN where John worked for Sperry/Unisys, from where he retired after 30 years. He loved fishing, camping, trap shooting and family time. John is survived by his wife, Maurita, 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.



John Robert “Bob” Hacker, Sr. – Age 93, of Bloomington, MN passed away January 26, 2023. Bob attended Vincennes University in Indiana, and was employed by Burroughs Corporation, now known as Unisys, for over 30 years. He worked as bookkeeping machine serviceman up to Upper Midwest regional manager. Bob retired early and spent much spare time playing golf with buddies. Bob and his high school sweetheart wife, Bernice Jean Daugherty, wintered in Palm Springs and Phoenix and toured Alaska and Europe. Bob was active in church which he regularly attended into his 80s. He also enjoyed reading; fixing “stuff” around the house; watching the Twins, Vikings and Gophers on TV and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bob is survived by his wife, Bernie, three children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews.



Donna Bernice (Holmquist) Hambleton – Age 92, of Woodbury, MN, loving wife of 69 years to Glen, passed away peacefully in home hospice

September 27, 2023 after a lengthy struggle with Alzheimer’s. She and Glen are lifetime VIP Club members. Donna was a nurse to her core, living her life in service to others. She was a teacher, practitioner, advocate and friend to many, passionate about serving children, immigrants and underserved populations. She was devoted to the medical profession and donated her body to her alma mater, the University of MN, for medical research and education. Donna was a conservationist who enjoyed hiking and the outdoors, especially the North Shore where she and Glen kept a cottage. Donna is survived by Glen, 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by a son.

Hartvig E. Holmberg III – Passed away in Green Valley, AZ on April 13, 2023. Hart enlisted in the Marine Corps; he met and married Shirley Bizzell while stationed at Millington Naval Base in TN. Once he finished his Marine tour of duty, they moved to St. Paul, MN where Hart worked for Sperry UNIVAC for 39 years. They raised four children, camped and traveled, then moved to AZ. Hart was active in his church and in the Marine Corps League #1126. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Shirley, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Greg Kroner – Age 74, passed August 13, 2023 from COPD. Greg worked in the Roseville Product Information/Documentation group. Coworkers said “Greg was a great coworker and an all-around good guy.” (*Greg Kroner wrote his own obit, slightly modified here.*) “Greg’s dead.” His friends knew him as a minimalist, so this was fitting. Greg is survived by the best wife of 48 years anybody could have—ME, Denise, his faithful dog and awesome in-laws, nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Now, the poker game can finally get played with his best friends giving him his deserved seat with a bottle of Corona.



Terrance Lambert – Age 76, peacefully passed surrounded by family August 28, 2023, after battling COPD. Terry graduated with a degree in math and physics from Bemidji State, after which he volunteered for the Army. In the midst of Army training, Terry married his loving bride of 52 years, Virginia (Jenna) Gregg. On training completion, he was stationed in Germany as an administrative assistant. Once discharged, they settled in Eagan, MN, and Terry took a job as a computer programmer with UNIVAC. Terry’s fondest memory as a father was wrestling with his little ones once home from work. Future years were a blur of hockey rinks, figure skating practice, baseball, softball, school functions, even a tuba and a french horn—every game, practice, choir concert, Jenna and Terry were there. They shared the right amount of discipline, patience, love and kindness, while expecting their children to complete their homework, work hard, go to college and be productive. Terry is survived by Jenna, 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.



William Fred Mathiesen – Age 86, died February 7, 2023 in St. Paul, MN. Bill attended DeVry Technical College in Chicago, served in the U.S. Army based in the Panama Canal Zone and worked at Unisys for over 30 years. He was an avid member of the Minnesota Street



Rod Association and had a love for building cars. Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sharon Williams, two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Daniel Arlen McBride – Age 85, of Reedsburg, WI passed away peacefully April 29, 2023. Daniel pursued his passion for electrical engineering earning his degree from the University of WI-Madison. He then moved to St. Paul, MN, where he worked with the



Military Division of Remington Rand UNIVAC, building large-scale computers for the Navy and Air Force. He went on to attend night school and earned his MBA degree from St. Thomas University. Daniel worked for 37 years before retiring, and will be remembered for his dedication to his work. He cherished time with his wife, children and grandchildren, especially on family trips. Daniel is survived by his loving wife, Sonya Rutschow, two children and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Margaret McInerney – Age 97, of Inver Grove Heights, MN passed away in August 2023. Dorothy was a long-time employee of Unisys; she loved her collie dogs, going to the cabin, seasonal decorating and gardening. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Mac, two sons, a great-grandson and other family, and is survived by two sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.



Eleanor M. Nagel – Age 88, of St. Paul, MN passed away peacefully January 21, 2023. Ellie was an amazing intelligent, generous and compassionate woman. She worked many years as a secretary/administrator at Sperry/Unisys. She was always helping others with meals or rides or just visiting with them. She spent her last years in a difficult progression through Alzheimer's disease. Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, a son and other family, and is survived by a daughter, a grandson and many nieces and nephews.

Michael Lee Sangrene – Age 68, of Inver Grove Heights, MN passed away July 28, 2023. Mike graduated from Hennepin Technical College with an associate degree in electronics. Through his engineer work at Nokia, CNT and Unisys, he traveled the world. Mike was generous, kind, loyal, helpful, hard-working, handy and uniquely intelligent. He was a family man whose sons and grandchildren meant the world to him, an animal lover, passionate about fishing and hunting and loved spending time at the family lakefront cabin. Mike is survived by his wife of 44 years, Deborah, two sons, three grandchildren and other family members.



Victor Snider – Passed away January 19, 2023. He was a proud World War II veteran, having served in the 10th Mountain Division. He enjoyed running, biking and walking through his South Minneapolis neighborhood. He had a long career at Unisys and enjoyed working in his yard after he retired. Vic was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, and is survived by a son and four grandchildren.



Joan Margaret Spilde – Age 77, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on April 2, 2023. Joan worked many years at Sperry UNIVAC and in financial services.



A graduate of the College of St. Catherine, her life centered around church activities, especially music, sewing, reading, traveling and volunteer and charity activities. Joan is survived by her beloved husband, a daughter, four grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other family.

Donna Sylvester – Age 93, passed away May 24, 2023. Donna worked at Unisys for 30 years and volunteered with the American Legion, American Red Cross and at church. She was preceded in death by husbands Dale Sylvester and Ward Casteel, a son and other family, and is survived by 4 daughters, 2 stepdaughters, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.



Mark Steven Stockland – Age 69, of St. Paul, MN died unexpectedly August 24, 2023. Mark received his BA at St. Cloud State University, then worked at Unisys for 32 years, mostly with cargo automation. His work involved international travel and he lived in numerous cities including Frankfurt, Brussels, Sydney and Hong Kong; coworkers remember him in the Eagan Airline Group. Mark worked hard, dedicated to any job he attempted. After retirement Mark ushered for the Fitzgerald Theatre and Hennepin Theatre Trust. He also worked for Minnesota Public Radio selling merchandise, and volunteered at the Union Gospel Mission and the Urban CROSS Ministry. Mark enjoyed fishing, bowling, horseshoes, basketball, and softball; loved playing games and cards; and loved music and went to many concerts and festivals. He was a loyal Minnesota Twins, Vikings and Gophers fan, and loved family gatherings. Mark is survived by his siblings, nieces and nephews, great-nieces and -nephews and many other relatives and friends.



Robert F. Troemel – Age 90, of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Plymouth, died at home November 17, 2022 of lymphoma. With the outbreak of the Korean War, Robert enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Once discharged, he graduated from South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering; he later received an EE master's degree from the University of MN. Robert was employed with Remington Rand UNIVAC and later joined Control



Data from where he retired. Robert is survived by his wife, Lois, four children, three grandchildren and other family.

Priscilla V. Winger – Age 81, of Elk River, MN passed away August 31, 2023. Priscilla was working for Unisys when she met her future husband, Robert (Bob) Winger, who worked in the System Hardware Services Group. After their marriage, Priscilla stayed home to care for the home and kids and often volunteered at their school. She enjoyed gardening, baking, crocheting, sewing and bird watching. They also enjoyed visiting/camping at the North Shore. Bob and Priscilla retired in Ozark, MO, and later moved back to Lu Verne, IA, closer to family. Priscilla is survived by her husband, Bob, three children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other family.



Late Remembrances

Howard T. “Howie” Breed – Age 89, of Minneapolis, MN passed away May 27, 2022. Howie served in the Navy Seabees then worked at Remington Rand, Toll Welding and Oxygen Service Co. He enjoyed hunting deer, fishing, sports and time with family. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy E. Westberg, three daughters, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



James S. Collins – Age 89, passed away February 9, 2020 surrounded by family at home in Ham Lake, MN. Shortly after marrying his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Timm, Jim was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Korea. He received a degree from DeVry Technical Institute in Chicago which led to his career as a technical writer and manager with UNIVAC and Unisys, from which he retired. He and Joyce explored exotic lands, including Africa, Australia, Peru and the Galápagos Islands. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening, and delighted in any good food, especially ice cream and chocolate. Jim

was preceded in death by a son, a grandson and other family, and is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joyce, 3 children, a daughter-in-law, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Patrick Joseph Hynes – Age 78, of Burnsville, MN died October 22, 2021 from lung and heart disease complications. Pat grew up in Rosemount, MN on the family farm learning skills from his father and uncles. He left farming, graduated from the

University of MN with a degree in electrical engineering and began working at UNIVAC. He stayed his entire career and retired from Lockheed Martin. Pat had a green thumb, growing tomatoes, roses and geraniums from seed and delivering by the carload. He loved genealogy, becoming a family historian and making several research trips to Ireland. Pat hosted memorable New Year’s Eve parties, spent some of his best times fishing or hunting at the family cabin and enjoyed board games and cribbage with family and longtime friends. Pat is survived by a sister, niece, nephew and other family.

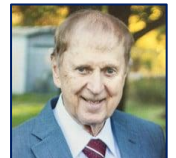
Gloria Bessie Magnison – Age 87, of New Brighton, MN passed away December 14, 2021. Gloria worked at Unisys for over 30 years. She loved spending time at the cabin, traveling and cheering on local sports teams. Gloria is survived by her husband of 68 years, Milton, a daughter and two grandchildren



Terry W. McKnight – Age 83, of Apple Valley, MN passed away at home April 15, 2022, surrounded by family. Terry served in the Air Force, spent most of his working career as an electronics technician at Unisys, retiring in 1999. He enjoyed family time, traveling the country in their Class A RV, on bus tours and on Caribbean cruises. Terry will be missed by Gladys, his wife of 55 years, three children, five grandchildren, a great-grandson and other family and friends.



Robert E. Swenson – Age 86, of Mendota Heights, MN peacefully entered into glory on October 13, 2018, lovingly surrounded by his family and loyal and steadfast wife of 59 years, Marti, after a 7-month-long journey with bile duct cancer. Bob is survived by Martha (Marti), four children, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and other family members and friends.



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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.

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.
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