

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Roseville Good Old Days** September 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m. is our 15<sup>th</sup> gathering since first meeting in 2008. The location is the same as last year: the Rosetown American Legion Post at 700 County Road C West in Roseville. The hall can accommodate up to 200 people, with overflow to the patio. To accommodate parking, only available for 100 vehicles, carpooling is encouraged. **Good news!** As opposed to last year, they now serve lunch starting at noon. The RGOD leadership team consists of *Dave Kleba, Bill Rohde, Keith Schreifels, Mark Sikorski, Troy Townsend, Dave Wilhelm, and Melanie Wolbeck, with support from Paul Dickson.* Watch the VIP website and your e-mail/evites for reminders. See <https://vipclubmn.org/activities.html#RGOD> for RGOD history and links to snapshots from previous gatherings.

**Old Timers' Reunion** November 7 at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. *Paul Hove and Boni Westberg are coordinating.*

## SOCIAL REPORT

**Syttende Mai** The 2024 celebration luncheon was held on **May 24**, a week later than the official May 17 date, to avoid many other Nordic events. Our guest speaker was Dr. Arne Selbyg. Arne grew up in Norway and is now a U.S. citizen. He

had a career in academics at the University of North Dakota and Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Arne gave us an interesting history and geography lesson about the Soviet Union/Russia and Norway from WWI to the present day. He even used maps on an easel to show the changes in borders over time and to emphasize the proximity of Norway and Russia.

*Dale Torgerson and Dick Lundgren coordinated.*



**Annual Reunion Picnic** was held **June 19** at



Eagan Central Park Pavilion. Many thanks to *John Westergren*, our long-time coordinator, and the team of volunteers that consistently steps forward. Additional volunteers are always welcome! From John: *"Thanks to everyone who attended this year's picnic and especially those who pitched in to help from setting up to clean-up: many hands make light work."* Watch for a recap in the next issue.



**VIP Club** Scheduled Board Meetings: August 7, October 2, and December 4. 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This is the last hard copy newsletter that will be printed and mailed by Unisys; they are reducing printing capability as they move operations from Eagan to Woodbury. We owe a special thanks to Unisys, and specifically to Judy Bornetun and crew in the Print Shop, for their support of the VIP Club over the years! Our board is working on reducing the number of printed newsletters needed by members and finding an alternative printing and mailing method. The newsletters will continue to be e-mailed to members choosing electronic delivery, and available electronically on the club website ([VIP Club Newsletters \(vipclubmn.org\)](http://vipclubmn.org)); we encourage all who are able to read them there.

Another thanks goes out to interim club vice president, Lowell Benson, who has filled in since I became president when Steve Koltes unexpectedly passed away. Over the years, Lowell has served the club in many positions with distinction and continues to lead the efforts to document our legacy. He will end his service after leading the August board meeting while I am vacationing in Norway. At our June board meeting,

my appointment of Les Flugum as the next club vice president was approved. Lowell's last official duty will be "pass the gavel" to Les to adjourn the meeting. See Les's bio in the March/April 2024 newsletter (<https://vipclubmn.org/Newsletters/Enews2403.pdf>).

I attended the club's Syttende Mai luncheon at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan in May. We heard the very interesting Dr. Arne Selbyg speak about Norway's relationship with Russia, historically and today. Attendance at the luncheon was down from previous years, but may have been due to the event being held on the Friday before Memorial Day. Still, the food was great and we enjoyed the event.

At the June 2024 board meeting, we ratified the change to our constitution that removed the "over 55" requirement for club membership. So, talk with any former employees you know under 55 and encourage them to join.

Last month I reported that my wife and I were selling our house and moving to a townhome in Mendota Heights. The move was lots of work but successful. The furniture survived, the boxes have been emptied and nothing was damaged! We are settled and love the new home! Additionally, I am done with lawn mowing and gardening and will now have more time to spend with the grandchildren!

One final note is that with Les Flugum becoming club vice president, we need to fill an open club director position. I am looking for candidates to consider for this position. Please let me or any board member know if you or someone you know would be a good addition to our board. We meet every two months for a couple of hours to conduct club business and discuss the club's future. Thanks for your participation and I hope to see you at future events.

*Jim Andrews, VIP Club President*

**CLUB/MEMBER BUSINESS**

**VIP Club Constitution Change Ratified**

The VIP Club board received nothing but **Yes** votes to change our *Constitution of the VIP Club*, Section IV MEMBERS to include "former employees and their spouses of Twin-Cities-based Univac / Unisys organizations and predecessor or successor business enterprises who are retired or eligible to retire." There is no longer the requirement to be at least 55 years of age. So, as Jim Andrews mentions in his *President's Message*, talk with any former employees you know under 55 and encourage them to join.

View or download the entire constitution from <https://vipclubmn.org/aboutus.html#Board>.

*Lowell Benson – 2024 Vice President*

**This Bunch Wants You!**

*By Harvey Taipale*

Yes, you are seeing a picture of the VIP Club Board of Directors at our last Board meeting. This is the group that plans all the club events, publishes the newsletter, and makes decisions about the future of the club. As you can see, it's a pretty high-key, intense bunch 😊.



*Photo by Harvey Taipale*

**2024 VIP Club Board (Plus Associates)**

L to R: Keith Myhre, Les Flugum, Jim Andrews, Dick Lundgren, Lowell Benson, Boni Westberg, Gish Devlaminck (hidden), Paul Hove, Eric Spring (hidden), Mary Beth Ruhland

Every volunteer organization has a need for strong ongoing leadership, including the need to regularly refresh the mix of leaders. We do that through our annual elections, coming up in November. There are openings on the board, and I urge all of you to consider becoming a VIP Club board member. Speak to any one of the current board members if you have an interest or have questions.

Being a board member is not a huge time commitment—board meetings are about two hours in length every other month. Involvement supporting other club activities is up to the individual, but board members usually spend time organizing events or working on small projects. As a side note, if you would just like to volunteer to help at any of these events, please let us know.

Through the years, VIP club leadership has come from a wide variety of former employees. You could be one of our future leaders! Please give it some thought and contact one of us to let us know your interest.

On June 9, 2010, our Club presidents enjoyed the annual picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion. In the

following picture, seated are Millie Gignac, 1988-89 and Chuck Homan 1995-96. Immediately behind them is Bernie Jansen, 1998-99 & 2006. Then, clockwise from left: Tom Turba, 2009-10 & 2012; Warren Becker, 1990-92; Hank Dotzler, 2002-03; Barney Buss, 1997; Brian Berggren, 2007-08; and Owen Scharf, 1993-94.



Snapshot by LABenson

### Addressing Obituary Inquiries

We have received inquiries about including obituaries of deceased people from the 90s. The earliest obituaries that we have in our newsletter archives are from 2004. Read on for the history of VIP Club newsletter obit lists:

- At the annual Unihogs meetings, the group used to read names of ‘UNIVACers’ or CDC or ... people whom the planning committee identified as having passed away. I had joined that planning committee in 2000. In 2006, I read the club newsletters for obits to note at the Unihogs meetings (<https://vipclubmn.org/activities.html#Hogs>). After merging the Legacy web pages with the club website in 2007, we started to archive newsletters on the web (<https://vipclubmn.org/newsletters.html#Archives>). Then, in 2008, we started a ‘People Deceased’ page for the Legacy Anthology chapters (<https://vipclubmn.org/deceased.html>).
- About 2010, I:
  - ◆ Received electronic newsletter copies back to 2004 from Joe Schwartz, so added them to the newsletter archives page
  - ◆ Made .pdf files of the Unihogs annual lists that I still had and appended them to the archives’ annual entries
  - ◆ Made obit lists from the newsletters back to 2004 and added them to the archives.
- The Roseville luncheon group (<https://vipclubmn.org/activities.html#Unisys>) led by Marv Brown read deceased names at their monthly luncheons. Paul

Dickson took over as emcee in 2020 as Marv had to cease hosting after 28 years. Paul alphabetized Marv’s deceased list and sent it to Lowell. Lowell merged the annual obit lists from the archives and posted it for members to read online.

- In 2020, Jim Andrews took on the responsibility for generation of the annual obit lists. He now updates the list every two months keeping up with the obits in each newsletter. Note that he also updates a list of the deaths reported for the current year. The link can be found on the website’s Newsletter page at the end of each year of archived newsletters. Jim noticed that the club’s database had some spouses noted as deceased, however no obits had been reported, thus not included in the newsletter. He has added those to the alphabetical list. Unfortunately for those entries we do not have the deceased dates nor ages of their passing. The current list as of the Jul/Aug 2024 newsletter is 40 pages, available for download from <https://vipclubmn.org/PeopleDocImg/AlphabeticDeceasedEmployees.pdf>.

If obituary reporting by members arrives while a newsletter issue is in final editing, the newsletter remembrance may not be printed until the next issue.

*Lowell Benson*

## LEGACY STORY

### Letter re:

### Help Preserve our Twin Cities History

The following letter was recently sent by Judy Cognetta to Paul Dickson, other club members, and Unisys personnel regarding the request in the May/June newsletter for help preserving our history. Judy was the Club’s liaison with Unisys in the late 90s and early 2000s.

*Hello Paul and All ~*

*Many thanks to the efforts of the many VIP Club members, along with current employees, who have worked on this effort through the years. The ERA-Unisys history/story is so important in terms of history within the industry, with much of it being specific to this great corporate entity. I hope someone, or perhaps a group of more than one person, decides to help getting it all in one place. Also, many thanks to Dakota County IT for their willingness to support and house this project.*

*I hope all is well with each of you. All of you on this note were always supportive to me through the years, and I remain grateful for my Unisys career. While I continue to enjoy my retirement years, I have great memories and pride, knowing I worked at a great company filled with really great people!*

*Regards ~ Judy Cognetta*

## Bios and Stories Needed

Legacy Anthology chapter 10 (<https://vipclubmn.org/People.html#bios>) lists the 211 mini-bio/career summary names presently on our website. Chapters 11 through 18 have the text or links to those bios. If you are there, updates are always welcome. If not, we do have website capacity to add your mini-bio. Send bios to [webmaster@vipclubmn.org](mailto:webmaster@vipclubmn.org) or to [la.gj.benson@comcast.net](mailto:la.gj.benson@comcast.net).

The site presently lists 636 contributors to the Legacy Anthology; the chapter-by-chapter list is at <https://vipclubmn.org/PeopleIndx.html#Writers>. The 60-chapter Anthology theme is **People** (Ch 10), at **Locations** (Ch 30), **Engineering** (Ch 40), **Computers** (Ch 50), and **Systems** (Ch 60). The **Our Stories** (Ch 100, since 2007) and **Legacy Exhibits** (Ch 90, since 2012) chapters supplement the theme outlined in 2006. The topical sections within each chapter are identified here: <https://vipclubmn.org/sitemap.html#Legacy>. The indexing chapter and sitemap page are not automated; if errors are encountered, e-mail us ([webmaster@vipclubmn.org](mailto:webmaster@vipclubmn.org)). If your perusing of any section within the entire Anthology evokes a memory of your experience, write it down to document the history and we can insert or attach it with attribution. Thanks, *LABenson*

## Recent Our Stories

**In May** we posted a compendium of newsletter stories from January 2022 through June 2024 at <https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/CompendiumNo3.pdf>. Many website readers do not review our archived newsletters, so doing another recap of Legacy-associated articles in our newsletters is quite appropriate:

- Newsletter articles from March 2006 through December 2015 are at [www.vipclubmn.org/Articles/LegacyCompendium.pdf](http://www.vipclubmn.org/Articles/LegacyCompendium.pdf)
- Newsletter articles from January 2016 through December 2021 are at [www.vipclubmn.org/Articles/CompendiumNo2.pdf](http://www.vipclubmn.org/Articles/CompendiumNo2.pdf).

**In June** we posted a 1973 U.S. Department of Transportation Report, an excellent story about the ARTS III development, redacted from 43 to 13 pages by Lowell, at [https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/DOT\\_ARTS\\_III\\_Study.pdf](https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/DOT_ARTS_III_Study.pdf).

**In July** we posted another Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) 2021 [Oral Interview](#) by Ryan Barland who had asked Lowell Benson about his life with UNIVAC, etc. Previous MHS interview postings were October 2023 with Earl Vraa and February 2023 with Keith Myhre.

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights!"

## Nostalgia

At the Legacy Committee's first meeting in January 2006, we resolved to tell the then-to-fore (*obsolete, rare*) untold story of Engineering Research Associates (ERA). Now, it's been 78 years since ERA pushed the power button to ignite Minnesota's computer age. The top five Legacy Committee accomplishments, in Lowell Benson's opinion:

1. The Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) in partnership with the MN High Tech Association produced a 'Solid State: Minnesota's High-tech History' documentary. It was filmed at TPT studios, the museum, a VIP Club picnic, and a few other MN sites. Narrated by Dr. Tom Misa, it includes eight Legacy Committee member interviews.
2. The Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul has more defense-industry computer artifacts than any other museum in the world!
3. Our Legacy Anthology website has 636 contributors and includes 211 career summaries plus over 200 monthly articles.
4. The committee's cooperation with the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) 2023 event that recognized ERA's founding in St. Paul with a commemorative plaque at 1902 Minnehaha Avenue.
5. Working with the local Unisys management to preserve the computer history shadow boxes when the Roseville plant closed in 2017. We will continue this preservation by transitioning the shadow boxes to RCHS in 2025.

*Lowell Benson*

## YOUR STORY

### Aircraft Carrier Ride

*by Don Lovely (submitted by Lowell Benson)*

My most memorable event occurred early in my 37-year career at UNIVAC/Lockheed Martin. In 1966, Mike Kokesh and I were given the task of writing comprehensive System Alignment Test (SAT) programs for the radars and sonar aboard the Destroyer Escorts (DEs) 1047/9 and the CVS-18. The CVS-18 was the aircraft carrier USS Wasp that became famous for recovering the Gemini astronauts whenever and wherever they landed in the ocean. Developing these sizable programs from scratch by two relatively inexperienced programmers proved rather challenging and probably was my most difficult assignment in my years at the company.

Finally, in March 1968, we were called to ride the

CVS-18 from the Boston Naval Shipyard down to Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center (AUTEC) range in the Bahamas for Sea Trials. On the way down, the ship experienced a very bad three-day storm (70-knot winds and 25-foot waves); the ship and its aircraft suffered some damage. After safely traversing the worst of the storm, the ship received a distress call and the captain ordered the ship to turn back into the storm. The ship's helicopters were ordered to airlift the crew off of a merchant tanker at risk of breaking up in the storm. The rescue was performed under dangerous conditions, but was successful. The coordinating S-2 aircraft, on returning to the carrier, crashed very hard on the rolling flight deck, tearing off its landing gear and antenna, setting off the flares in the aircraft nose, and rupturing its fuel tanks. By some miracle, the aircraft fuel flowed down the deck of the pitching, rolling ship in the opposite direction of the burning flares.

On arriving in the Bahamas, I was requested to meet with the carrier operations officer, who was a commander and the third ranking officer on the ship. He immediately asked me what my plan was for the ship's course during the tracking and alignment testing of the three search radars, the four Gun Fire Control System (GFCS) radars, and the sonar system. I then asked him what he recommended. He briskly replied, "You are the UNIVAC engineer. You tell me. I can drive this carrier any way you want me to." Quickly making up something, I said, "How about a figure eight going out 10 miles 10 knots in both directions from the buoy target?" (The buoy target contained a radar reflector and a sonar transponder). "No problem," he said. "Be in the CIC (Combat Information Center) and ready to go at 0300 and we will run your test."

At 0300, Mike and I very nervously started the test with CIC display consoles manned and several officers observing. Within a short while complaints started coming in that the GFCS radars could not maintain track. Because of the several-foot-high waves, they would lose the target. The sonar operator complained that he lost contact with the transponder because it was too far away.

The CIC officer turned to me and said, "Your test is no good, it is not working. What do you want to do now?" I nervously responded, "Uh, uh, can we try a figure eight at 5 miles and 5 knots?" He immediately phoned the Bridge and said, "The UNIVAC engineer wants the ship moved in to 5 miles and at 5 knots." Soon I could feel the carrier turning. I looked up at the heading and speed gauges, and the carrier was turning and slowing down. "Wow, I thought to myself—I am in control of an aircraft carrier!"

Soon the sonar and GFCS operators each reported in that they were now tracking the target with no

problem. At the end of the SAT test, we typed out the results and they showed that the navigation radar (SPS-10) had a 2.6-degree alignment error. The CIC officer looked at the results and said, "Your test is not any good. There is no way our 'Nav' radar has such an error." He then phoned the navigation radar operator who arrived shortly. He took one look at the test results and said, "This is good information. I always thought my radar was off two or three degrees. I know you are right. I'll correct the alignment of the radar right away."

For the next two days, Mike and I were able to relax and watch the daily flight operations. Then we got to be catapulted off the carrier in an S-2 aircraft and were flown to Miami International Airport.

*After a colorful history, the USS Wasp (CVS-18) was officially decommissioned on 01 July 1972, then subsequently sold for scrap. The WASP SAT program was later modified by Don Lovely and installed and used as the Radar Alignment Test (RAT) program on the German Destroyers DDG-28/29/30. Larry Duder later modified and installed the RAT on the Japanese Navy DDG-168/9 ships.*

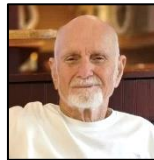
**IN REMEMBRANCE OF:**

*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](#)

**Lawrence (Larry) L. Bordsen** – Age 93, of Punta Gorda, FL and St. Anthony Village, MN died peacefully May 9, 2024 surrounded by family. Larry joined the U.S. Air Force as a weapons mechanic. Following his service, he attended the U of MN and worked as a



Railroad Telegrapher for Northern Pacific Railroad, and later joined and retired from Sperry UNIVAC/Unisys, as a computer programmer. Larry's passions were tennis, traveling, his family, and many friends. He loved life and gave generously without taking. Larry had a great sense of humor and sharp intellect, was a voracious reader, and enjoyed watching old movies. Larry was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly (Kozy), and a stepson, and is survived by his second wife, Mary Ellen Moore, four children, two stepchildren, five grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, and nine great-stepgrandchildren.

**Robert A. 'Bob' Eggan** – Age 87, of Prior Lake, MN passed away April 25, 2024. Bob graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in mechanical engineering and had a long



career working for Collins Radio, Unisys, and DataCard. A coworker remembers Bob worked at Plant 8 in the Advanced Technology Group and may also have worked at Plant 4. Bob and his wife, Susan, enjoyed summers at their lake cabin and traveling. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed the Vikings and Twins, and was active in many church ministries. In his later years, his morning coffee group was a favorite. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Susan, and is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and many friends.

**Charlotte Ann (nee Minch) Frampton** – Age 83, of Eagan, MN passed away April 4, 2024 after a battle with Alzheimer’s. Charlotte married her high school sweetheart, Gene Frampton, and together they raised three children in Apple Valley. Charlotte worked in the Human Resources Department at Unisys for 10 years. After earning a Master’s Degree in Human Resources Development at The American University, she started an HR consulting business, and co-authored a book about the effects of corporate mergers on employees. Charlotte and Gene were active in their community, had a personal passion for fighting the AIDS epidemic, and were strong supporters of women’s health, working many years as escorts for a women’s clinic. Other passions included the theater and opera; she and Gene were docents at the Guthrie Theater and ushers at The Ordway and Jungle Theaters. They traveled extensively and especially enjoyed opera tours in Italy, New York City, and Chicago. Charlotte was devoted to her family holding weekly family dinners for over 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Gene, three children, one grandchild, three step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



**William “Bill” Kahle** – Age 91, of Isanti, MN passed away April 22, 2024 at home. Bill graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and worked for Unisys (UNIVAC) as an electrical engineer until retiring in 1993. He worked in supervisory positions in the Roseville Product Information Hardware



Documentation area for many years. He enjoyed flying a Cessna airplane, fishing with his sons and grandsons, golfing, bowling, and gatherings at home with his children and grandchildren. Bill is survived by his wife, Carol, five children, grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

**James Simon Klein** of Roseville, MN passed away peacefully May 2, 2024, after a long battle with dementia. Jim attended Bismarck Junior College before being drafted into the U.S. Army and serving in Korea. He later graduated from the University of ND Grand Forks with a mechanical engineering degree, then began employment at Unisys, Roseville, from where he



retired. Jim excelled in sports and was active in St. Paul bowling and softball leagues for many years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, stamp collecting, and tradition, of which the family vacation to “The Lake” was a yearly event for decades. After retirement, Jim turned his focus to his wife, Audrey, his home, and gardens. Neighbors remember him as friendly with a ready wave, devoted to his yard, church, and family. Jim is preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, to whom he was caregiver for her journey with rheumatoid arthritis, and is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and countless friends.

**Darrell Lee Lynn** – Age 87 of Bloomington, MN passed away peacefully May 23, 2024 surrounded by his loving wife and children. Darrell served in the U.S. Army 36th Field Artillery Group for two years. He graduated with a BS degree in Aeronautics from St. Louis University, Parks College of Aeronautical Technology. He then attended Georgetown University Law School in Washington, D.C., while working as an air transport examiner for the Civil Aeronautics Board, and later transferred to the U of WI Law School, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree. The family moved to Long Beach, CA, where Darrell was employed by North American Aviation, working on the Apollo program. After several years, the family moved to MN, and he joined Sperry UNIVAC (eventually Lockheed Martin) where he was an assistant general counsel in the legal department for 33 years. Darrell met his first wife, Anne Louise Schaefer, while at St. Louis University; they had three children. Darrell was a kind, generous, patient father who strongly encouraged education, but was most interested in his children being good people. He enjoyed golfing, watching the Packers or the Badgers, and coaching, and was a proud founding member of his Bloomington church. After Anne Louise passed away from ovarian cancer, Darrell was fortunate to marry Jeanette (Jan) Comer. Darrell and Jan enjoyed retirement life—winters in the The Villages in FL and summers in MN, with a busy schedule of dining with friends, golfing, and attending concerts. Darrell was preceded in death by his first wife, Anne Louise Schaefer, and is survived by his second wife, Jeanette (Comer), 6 children, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



**Robert “Bob” McCord** – Age 73, of Apple Valley, MN passed away at home with his family at his side May 25, 2024, after a long fight with Lewy Body Dementia. Bob served three years in the U.S. Army, then studied computer science and worked as a computer operator/programmer at the Technical College in Eau Claire, WI. He joined Unisys as a



computer specialist, then joined Northwest Airlines (Delta) where he worked until his retirement. Bob followed Wisconsin sports teams religiously; was well known for his meticulous car care; and enjoyed family time, golfing, traveling, trivia, classic rock, and historical books and movies about World War II and the space program. Bob is survived by his wife of 47 years, Rita, and two children.

**Ross D. Rach** – Age 94, passed away April 17, 2024. Ross attended Chadron State College and graduated from the University of Nebraska School of Engineering with a degree in electrical engineering. A coworker shared that Ross was a way-back Remington Rand UNIVAC engineering manager in Roseville, working on development of the 9500 processor that never was built; the smaller 9400 replaced it. He left UNIVAC around 1968 and was a founding member of Comcet (later Comten) in Roseville, a company which built mainframe computers. Ross was a Master Mason, and in his spare time loved tinkering with radios, televisions, and computers. He loved music, was an avid history reader, and had a dry sense of humor. Eventually Ross and his wife moved near their daughter’s family, where they enjoyed living in the country. Ross was preceded in death by his wife, Glennie, and is survived by a daughter and granddaughter.



**William D. Reynolds** – Age 85, of Burlington

Township, NJ, passed away April 30, 2024. Bill joined the U.S. Army and while stationed in Berlin, met his wife, Hildegard L. (nee Höhn). His job in computers with Unisys Roseville took them to MN where they lived until he retired and they moved back east to be near his daughter’s family. Bill was active in the Maine Lamoine Community Arts program where he volunteered doing stage construction. He enjoyed woodworking and building, genealogy, the beach, and especially time with his grandchildren. He was a friend and father figure to many, always willing to help. Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Hildegard, a daughter, two grandchildren, and other family.



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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.

**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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