

VIP Club Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS ♦♦ SAVE THESE DATES:

✓ **Old Timers' Reunion ♦♦ November 5, 2026**

✓ **Pie & Ice Cream Social@Lawshe ♦♦ March 2, 2027**

Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available

MEMBERSHIP

We have 445 paid members, 23 friends of the club, and 468 total active member units.

Need to check your membership expiration date? Go to [PaidMembershipStatus.pdf](https://vipclubmn.org/ClubForms/MEMBERSHIP_FORM.pdf).

Need to **RENEW** your membership? Mail your check, cash, or money order (dues is \$7/one year, \$18/three years) with your name and any address, phone number, or e-mail changes to the address shown below.

Want to **JOIN** the club? Complete the membership form found at https://vipclubmn.org/ClubForms/MEMBERSHIP_FORM.pdf and mail it, along with the dues payment, to VIP Club MN, PO Box 21903, Eagan, MN 55121.

REPORT any address, phone number, or e-mail changes to membership@vipclubmn.org.

UPCOMING EVENT DETAILS

Watch your e-mail/Evites and the website [Activities](#) page for all event details as they become available.

Old Timers' Reunion November 5 at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy in Eagan. *Boni Westberg and Harvey Taipale are coordinating.*

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Roseville Good Old Days On September 10, RGOD was celebrated at the Rosetown American Legion Post 542, same venue as last year. We're looking forward to posting any stories or pictures you care to share in the next newsletter (send to clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org) and/or on the website. Thanks to the RGOD leadership team of Dave Kleba, Melanie Wolbeck, Keith Schreifels, and Dave Wilhelm, with support from Paul Dickson, for coordinating.

Pie & Ice Cream Social Announcement

March 2, 2027, open house beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, 130 3rd Ave North, South St. Paul. We are celebrating 15 years since our informal partnership with the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) began. At the museum, view a sampling of the 1,000+ UNIVAC/Sperry/Unisys/LMCO artifacts and poster-board history stories! It is also 20 years since we merged Legacy pages with the VIP Club's website, <https://www.vipclubmn.org> hosted at webhostinghub.com. Meet some of those who have made our two-decade Legacy initiative a resounding success! See the dedicated work space for volunteers, meet the VIP Club officers and Legacy friends, and chat with other Evited attendees. *Lowell Benson is coordinating.*

Background: Redacted from the VIP Club's March 2012 newsletter: "An opportunity has emerged to put our history on display and tell the story of our Legacy in a venue open to the public. Choosing the proper location was quite a tough decision. The DCHS Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul was by far the most appropriate as it fit with our heritage of more than six decades of operations in Dakota and Ramsey counties. The exhibit, which is currently in the conceptual stage, is the result of cooperation between key figures of the Lawshe Museum, Lockheed Martin, and the VIP retiree club. Chad Roberts, then DCHS executive director, was our speaker for March 2012. He discussed the DCHS mission, their South St. Paul museum, and his vision of what the future Lockheed Martin/Unisys exhibit might look like. A Q&A session followed. The afternoon March 14, 2012 program meeting was held at 2:00 p.m. at the Unisys MACS building conference room. The manifestation of this opportunity is documented on pages 4 & 5 of <https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/LegacyPartnerships2.pdf>."

VIP Club 2026 Scheduled Board Meetings:

Oct 7 and Dec 2 at the Dakota County Historical Society Lawshe Museum, 130 3rd Ave North, So. St. Paul. Club members curious about club business may join us. Contact the president two days prior for access.



THE VIP CLUB IS FOR RETIREES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES OF OUR GREAT HERITAGE COMPANIES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I am sitting on the shore of Lake Superior in Grand Marais, MN on a beautiful August day, it just dawned on me that I haven't written my *President's Message* for the September/October edition of the VIP Club newsletter, and it is past due! Oops! My apologies to our editor, Mary Beth.



[Editor's note: My apologies as well for this late issue! Caring for my husband in the hospital and now his recovery at home have taken precedence over newsletter duties and summertime days of leisure. Working toward a new normal and enjoying a MN Fall.]

The VIP Club board met in early August and we set a record—one hour—the shortest board meeting since I became president. We are still on track to keep the club active until its 50th anniversary in 2030. Contributions that members made at the June picnic covered 2/3 of that event's cost. This helps stretch our treasury. Thanks to all who made donations!

Our club website has a wealth of information about the role that Minnesota, and particularly our company, had on the evolution of the computer industry. Our club historian, Lowell Benson, has done a great job soliciting, organizing, and editing recollections from our members that document the company's legacy. Recently, I have been viewing videos (there are hours of them) on the website about the equipment that we built over the years. They are very interesting to view!

The Dakota County Historical Society has provided us space at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul for an exhibit to share our legacy with the public. This includes various pieces of equipment and descriptions of our accomplishments through the years. If you haven't visited the Lawshe yet, it is worth it to plan a trip there.

I also encourage you to participate in our upcoming club events. The events are a chance to share your memories with friends from your working days at the company.

Our final event for the year will be the Old Timers' Reunion at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center on Thursday, November 5th. Save the date so you don't miss it. Similar to last year, a sandwich bar will be available for those who want to eat lunch there. Watch your e-mail for an Evite invitation to the event. A short business meeting will be held to elect the club officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as a board member, contact me or Harvey Taipale. I look forward to seeing you there!

Next year, as an introduction and an incentive to visit our exhibit at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, Lowell is organizing a Pie & Ice Cream Social open house on the afternoon of March 2nd. Save the date on your calendar and join us for a good time. An Evite invitation will be sent out as we get closer to the event.

Best wishes for the impending beautiful fall season!

Jim Andrews, VIP Club President

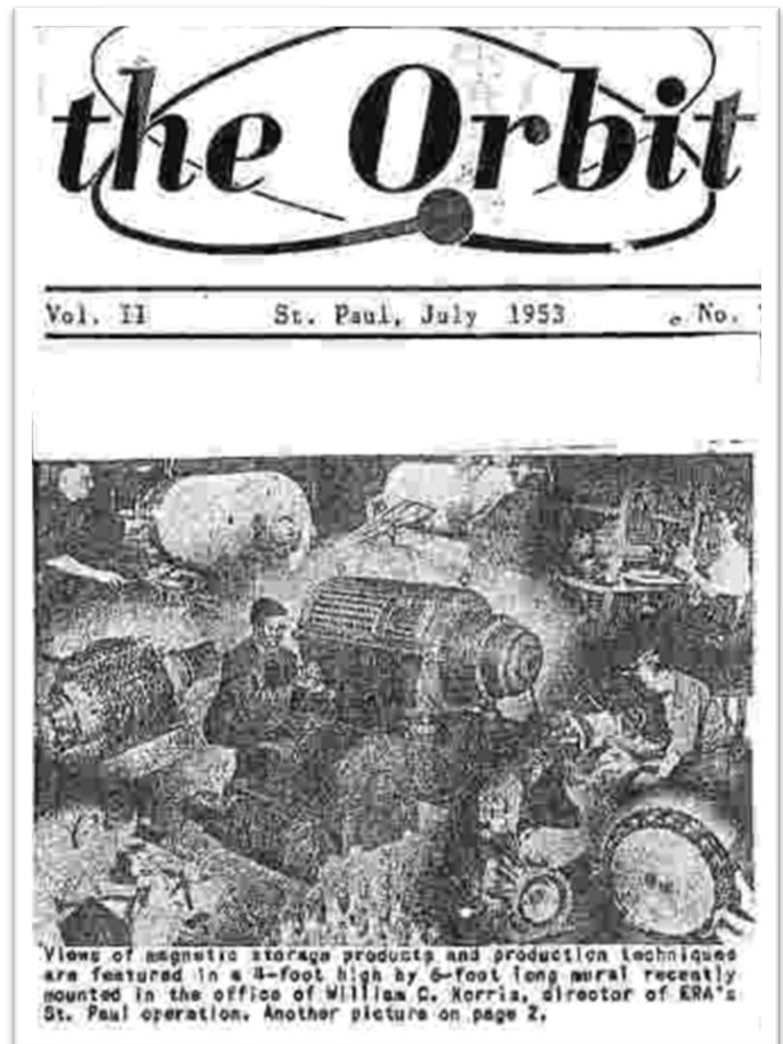
LEGACY STORY

June Our Stories

Drum Collage Provenance

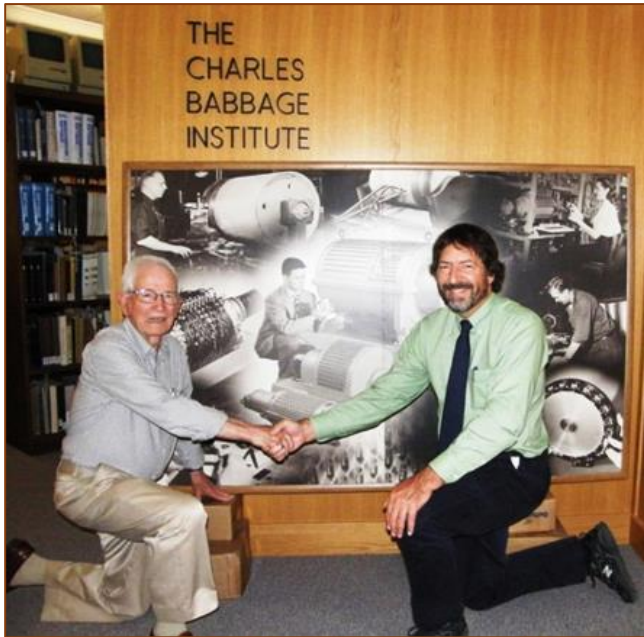
A July 1953 Engineering Research Associates (ERA) newsletter article documented the hanging of a Drum Products and Production Collage on the office wall of William C. Norris, then director of ERA's St. Paul Operations.

<https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/DrumCollage.pdf>



As one of the 1946 ERA founders, William 'Bill' Norris is better known for leaving UNIVAC to start Control Data Corporation in 1957. As the 1957 janitorial

staff cleaned out Mr. Norris' ERA/UNIVAC office, they decided that the mural should be offered to the guy squatting in the center, Don Weidenbach. Don accepted, then framed and mounted this collage on his home office wall until 2010 when he moved to a 'downsized' condo. At that time, collage custody was given to Quint Heckert of the VIP Club Legacy Committee. Then, on October 5, 2011, Don Weidenbach presented the 4'x6' collage of magnetic drum memory photos to the Charles Babbage Institute (CBI).



Lowell Benson scheduled the event and snapped the photo

Accepting on behalf of CBI was Dr. Tom Misa, then Director of CBI at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Misa held the ERA Land Grant Chair for History of Technology at the U of MN. Don's ERA story/legacy is at <https://vipclubmn.org/People7.html#Weidenbach> and https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/75-Years_Ago.pdf.

July Our Stories

In late 2012, from the Lockheed Martin facility in Eagan, MN, a semi-truck load of ERA/UNIVAC/Sperry/Unisys/Lockheed Martin documents, photo negatives, and 100+ 16 mm films, were donated to CBI at the University of Minnesota.

Some of the 16 mm film canisters had labels, others did not. Prior to shipment, Keith Myhre and other Legacy Committee volunteers previewed the first few minutes of many of the films to identify the film's topic/era so that data could be entered into our Legacy items Microsoft Access database.

As reported in the previous issue, Computer History Archives Project (CHAP) digitized and posted the *Electronic Servants* film; a 1968 UNIVAC video regarding 1108 production in Roseville, MN (see [Computer History: UNIVAC FACTORY TOUR 1968](#)

[Mainframe Film Restored "Electronic Servants" Twin Cities Minnesota](#)). This YouTube went live on May 26, 2026, then had about 3,300 views during the first 24 hours. Read <https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/OldFilms.pdf> for the complete list of films donated to CBI and links to some CBI digital films.

August Our Stories

The Vintage Computer Federation (VCFed) is quite active preserving computer history. Our primary contact with them for almost two decades has been Duane Craps, who worked at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard on naval missile systems which used 1219B [CP-848/UYK] computers, also known as the MK-152 Digital Fire Control Computers. He was involved in the restoration of the 1219Bs at the Vintage Computer Federation Museum in Wall, NJ. These 1219B computers were formerly at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory where they were used in research for the U.S. Navy's missile program.

"You 18-bit guys would be happy to know that the last Navy 1219Bs were just turned off in 2015! They were at a shore site AN/SPN-42 Automatic Carrier Landing System. Duane"
(<https://vipclubmn.org/cpl8bit.html>).

VCFed volunteers recently posted a few YouTube videos. One of them discusses programming: *We Programmed a 60s Computer* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rU8sCbWb8XU>). The video, from a Vintage Computer Federation East Festival, is almost 19 minutes, though you may want to click on the SKIP to bypass some of the ads. This and other videos show UNIVAC printer equipment from the 60s operating from the computer.

Another video explains the construction of the magnetic tape units, 1532 printer, etc. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s7VBoVpKhi4&t=20s>). Its description: "Here is a quick demonstration of the UNIVAC 1219B system (Navy MK-152) at the VCF Museum located within the InfoAge Science Center in Wall, NJ. These systems were used for fire control during the Vietnam War era on "Tartar," "Terrier" and "Talos" naval guided missile systems. This particular unit was used on a "Terrier" system as indicated by the mark 75 SDC cabinet next to the teletype. This particular functional example was donated by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory and is under restoration by the VCF Museum team.

A variation of programming the UNIVAC 1219, dated Apr 17, 2026, is also available via a different URL, <https://farlow.dev/2026/04/17/running-a-minecraft-server-and-more-on-a-1960s-univac-computer>.

Lowell Benson

Timelines

A Unisys timeline from the ‘commercial systems’ perspective is online at <https://www.unisys.com/company-history/>, as recently noted by Keith Myhre. The timeline entries scroll horizontally beginning with 1873, continuing until 2024. Unfortunately, the Unisys website editor has excluded most (?all?) of the ‘defense systems’ perspective timeline, <https://vipclubmn.org/MilesTones.html>, which scrolls vertically. There are discrepancies between the two lists; for example, the two Unisys 1960 entries:

1. First, “U.S. Census Bureau purchases two UNIVAC 1105 computers for the 1960 census.” The VIP Club 1959 entry is “Delivered the UNIVAC SCIENTIFIC Model 1105, a high-speed digital computer with great programming versatility and large internal external storage capacity.” Roseville’s Ron Q. Smith developed a listing of early UNIVAC deliveries, <https://vipclubmn.org/EngDocImg/CommCustomers.pdf>. Page 7 therein identifies Model-S/N 1105-121 and 1105-125 as being delivered to the U.S. Bureau of the Census in Washington, DC in December 1957 and September 1958. Thus, both the 1960 and 1959 entries referenced above disagree with Ron’s Census Bureau delivery dates.
2. The second Unisys 1960 entry states “Sperry introduces the UNIVAC 1100 Series, forerunner of the 2200 Series.” A Genealogy chart from Ron Q. Smith, <https://vipclubmn.org/processors.html#1950Tree>, shows the 1100 series starting in 1950, including the 1105 in 1958 and the 1107 in 1962. Page 2 of <https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/ThroughTheAges.pdf> shows the first 2200 system delivery in 1986.

Two points to ponder:

- ♦ Sperry merged with Remington Rand in 1955; why did they wait five years to introduce the 1100 series in 1960 when it started a decade earlier, five years before the merger?
- ♦ In 1960, no one could have predicted that there would be a future 2200 series 26 years later.

If you, the reader, aren’t bored yet, take a look at the Unisys timeline for 1990, 1992, and 1995-98. These are part of the U.S. weather forecasting system. If it weren’t for the signal processor embedded in the system and the attendant microcode, Next-Generation Radar (NEXRAD) could have been a total flop (see https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/PSP_Development.pdf). More of this story is available in a September 2025 presentation, <https://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html#slides>.

[NOTE: This article has opinions of LABenson and may not represent the VIP Club in total.]

LETTERS AND MORE . . .

Summer Fun Days

Arnie Doering gave Gish Devlaminck, VIP Club Membership Director, a paper about the 1976 Sperry UNIVAC Intramural Softball League signups — 50 years ago! — vipclubmn.org/Documents/Softball76.pdf. The rosters show that over 1,200 employees played softball in 1975, and lists those who signed up for 1976. Were you one of them, or did you have a friend who played? Lowell recognizes over two dozen people, including Lawshe Museum volunteers Bob Pagac and Keith Myhre!

Fifty years ago, our club secretary Boni Westberg was the Sneakers team captain, club president Jim Andrews played on the Dropouts team, and club treasurer Eric Spring was on the Tough Schlitz team. The eleven leagues included all Twin Cities facilities. Team names were indicative of people having fun — Gadzooks, Guzzlers, Tappers, Bar-Barians, The Don’t Cares, Jolly Rogers, ..., and an Over the Hill Gang!

L owell Benson

Letter of Inquiry to All Club Members, Particularly Roseville

The following letter was received in the VIP Club board’s e-mail, from a son requesting information about his late father’s work experience, based out of Roseville. Responses are welcome.

“Hello Lowell,

I’m writing to the Legacy Committee in the hope of learning more about my late father’s career. I came across the VIP Club while trying to piece together what he did, and it seems like exactly the community that might remember him or be able to tell me about the work.

My father, Colin Cotterell (born 1949), worked for Sperry Univac and then Unisys, based out of the Roseville plant (I think Buildings 3 and 5, though I was a kid at the time and may have that wrong). He came over from the UK in 1977, having been with Sperry Univac there first, and worked on airport systems, which took him back to Europe to support installations every year or two. I believe he was a COBOL developer, though I’m not certain of that. He had opportunities to move into management but preferred to stay close to the technical work. He passed away in April 1997 after a short illness, and was working up until then.

His boss was Melburne “Mel” Townsend, who I see

passed away in 2007 and is listed among the club's members. Another colleague I remember him mentioning was Doug O'Neale, who was also from the UK.

I was young while my dad was there, so most of what I know comes in fragments. I'd love to understand more about what that work actually involved day to day: the airport systems, the machines he'd have worked on, what the Roseville site was like, and what his team spent their time doing. Any memories of my father, Mel, or that group would mean a great deal, as would any pointers to records, newsletters, or people who might know more.

Thank you for the work you all do preserving this history. It's a gift to be able to reach out to people who were actually there. There's no urgency at all on this, especially with the Fourth of July weekend here. Whenever someone has the time, I'd be grateful to hear from them.

Warm regards, Scott Cotterell, scott@cotterell.us

Varian Data Systems V77 System Expertise Requested

Paul Dickson shared the following inquiry he received regarding the V77 system (and noted how it was really nice to get something other than an obituary to send out!):

"The VIP Club received this inquiry about the V77 system; if anyone can help them out, please contact Erwin Washington as noted below, and copy me (Paul Dickson) on your response.

Inquiry:

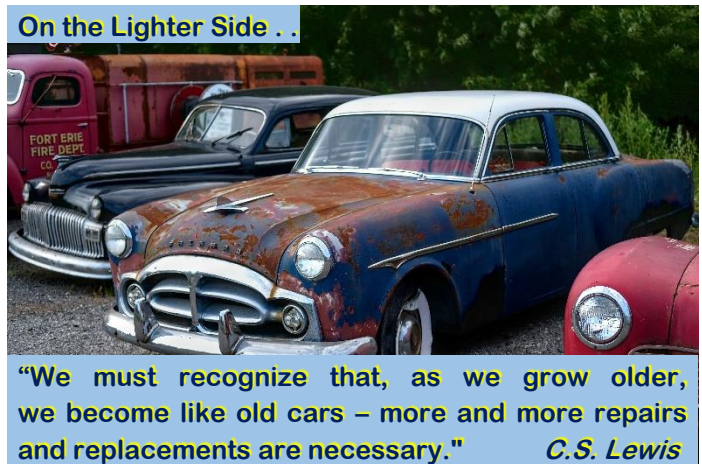
Hello, I am part of a team restoring a legacy Shorts 360 flight simulator in Sanford, FL. The visual system uses a McDonnell Douglas/FlightSafety VITAL IV system with Sperry UNIVAC V77 hardware.

We are looking for any available V77 documentation, including operation and service manuals, system-test manuals, diagnostics, bootstrap procedures, VORTEX II materials, schematics, peripheral documentation, or information on surviving V77 equipment and experienced technicians. We are also seeking VITAL IV-specific documents, especially interface drawings, configuration records, maintenance procedures, and visual-system manuals.

The simulator is being restored for operational training and aviation-workforce development, and we will preserve and document any legacy materials responsibly. We can cover reasonable copying, scanning, shipping, or consulting costs.

Please contact me directly at erwin.washington@gmail.com or 303-506-8724.

Respectfully, Erwin Washington | CEO"



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.

"A life that touches others goes on forever."



NOTE: Remembrance for Thomas Lee Gustafson posted in the July/August issue included typographical errors; correction appears here:

Thomas Lee Gustafson – Age 95, died peacefully July 3, 2026. A VIP Club member, Tom served on the USS Carpenter Navy destroyer during the Korean War and received three Battle Stars and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He received an engineering degree from Iowa State University, then worked at Sperry UNIVAC in St. Paul, retiring in 1985. Tom enjoyed racquet sports, biking, and traveling the USA in the family motorhome. After retiring, he and his wife, Martha (Haugen), spent winters in Ft. Myers, FL for 35 years, otherwise residing in Apple Valley, MN. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, and is survived by three children, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



Roger Wayne Bergman – Age 89, of Golden Valley, MN passed away June 25, 2026. A former VIP Club member, Roger attended Hamline University and the U of MN, and served at the 5th Army headquarters for the Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) when the Berlin crisis occurred. He worked for Honeywell as an electronic technician, Sperry UNIVAC as a manager, and later at Kensco. He also worked for Orchestra Hall for 34 years



as assistant production manager, greeter, usher, floor manager, and was their first doorman. Roger played trumpet in the Robbinsdale City band for 45 years and the Synod Senior Band, as well as many others. Roger was involved in city government on the Park and Rec Commission for 20 years and the Cable Commission for 10 years, and was an election judge for 40 years. He and his wife of 50 years, Lynne, travelled the world together reaching every continent except Antarctica, and spent one week every summer camping in an orange tent. Roger loved being active; he skied for 50 years and his skis are in the National Ski Jumping Hall of Fame. He also biked to work and in many events like the St. Paul Bike Classic, and annually ran in the Whizz Bang Days fun run with his grandchildren. Roger is survived by his wife, Lynne, 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Hugh Joseph Gallagher – Age 91, of St. Anthony Village, MN passed away August 20, 2026. Hugh retired from Lockheed Martin as a longtime mechanical engineer. “Pop” to his grandchildren, family and faith were everything. Hugh is survived by 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, and is preceded in death by his wife, Kathy.



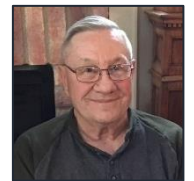
Mary Ann Hammang – Age 84, of Eden Prairie as well as Burnsville, MN died June 29, 2026 in Missouri where she lived with her son since 2024 until shortly before her passing. Mary began a career with Remington Rand in an entry level position, and continued to move up in the company as it changed to Sperry Rand, Burroughs Corporation, then Unisys. In the late 1980s, she worked for Lockheed Martin in the Aeronautics field doing contract work, retired in the early 2000s, and was a VIP Club member. Mary was a caring and happy lady who always had a smile on her face. As a homemaker, she prioritized her family’s care with hot meals, clean clothes, and teaching them the value of hard work. Mary enjoyed family time, especially spoiling her grandchildren. In her later years, she freely gave her opinion and advice whether they were wanted or not, and found her escape in a good book. Mary is survived by two children born to her and her first husband, Lyle Phillips, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and was preceded in death by her second husband, Thomas Hammang.



Dennis “Denny” John Koewler – Age 83, of Grand Rapids, MN passed away February 19, 2026 at home. Denny enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Canberra (CAG-2) during the Vietnam War. He was in charge of the computer systems and radar on the ship—the first computer systems used by the Navy for fire control. After his discharge and with his Navy training and background, he began work for Sperry as a defense contractor. Denny and his wife, Jean, were proud of their three sons’ accomplishments, and loved to tell everyone about them. He loved fishing, hunting, being outdoors, and doing the many jobs necessary to maintain their retirement home on the lake north of Grand Rapids. Denny is survived by his wife, Jean, three sons, four grandchildren, nieces and a nephew, and other family. Full Military Honors were accorded by the Grand Rapids Area Veterans Honor Guard.



David Alford Kolling – Age 90, passed away peacefully May 27, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. Dave briefly attended Northwestern University and the U of MN before returning home and completing his studies at Mankato State University. He married Lorraine “Mim” LeDuc before moving to St. Paul where he earned a master’s degree in statistics from the U of MN. Upon graduation, he began his career with Remington Rand UNIVAC where, over the course of a distinguished career, he held numerous leadership positions and eventually became Vice President of Engineering for Unisys Defense Systems in St. Paul. Along the way, he learned not only how to manage but how to lead—with integrity, trust, and deep respect for the people around him. Dave, once a VIP Club member, retired in 1994 after 36 years at Unisys, and shortly after joined Fissure where he realized his true passion to help others recognize their own value and potential. He extended that gift firsthand to his circle of family and friends through his unconditional love, encouragement, and support. Dave was committed to service throughout his life coaching youth hockey and serving as president of the local hockey association, devoting countless hours to his faith community, serving as director of outreach ministry and volunteer coordinator at a family shelter, and, with Mim, founding mentoring workshops and establishing the Military Service Support Ministry, touching the lives of many through their dedication and compassion. Dave lived a life shaped by family, faith, friendship, work, service, loss, learning, and love. He was blessed with a wonderful family he adored; he is survived by his beloved wife of 70 years, Lorraine



(Mim), 7 children, 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren, loyal friends, meaningful work, and a deep faith in the Holy Spirit that sustained and guided him throughout his life.

Larry Louis Patterson – Age 88, of Burnsville, MN passed away peacefully at home August 10, 2026 with family at his side. Larry earned a degree in electrical engineering from the U of MN, then began his more than 35-year career with Sperry UNIVAC through its evolution into Unisys, taking great pride in his loyalty to a single employer. Many coworkers remember Larry from his time in Roseville. An avid walleye fisherman, Larry spent countless hours on Long Lake in Park Rapids, MN, with family, friends, and local fishing buddies. He and his wife of 67 years, JoAnn S. Tomaschko, had a lake home there where he enjoyed the great outdoors and quiet relaxation, taught his children and grandchildren how to fish, and filled summers with humor and laughter, creating lasting family memories. Larry is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn, 5 children, 15 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends.



Late Remembrances

C. Robert (Rob) Ginsburg, Jr. – Age 96, passed peacefully April 23, 2023 after a short stay at senior living in Mankato, MN, free from two years of dementia limitations and home with his Savior, Jesus Christ. Serving as an MP in the Philippines during the later years of WWII, Rob tearfully recounted stories of pushing food through the Army encampment fence to the hungry children while on patrol, though it “wasn’t allowed.” He cheerfully shared his story of hitchhiking to town while on leave, sticking out his thumb as a convoy of official vehicles approached, and getting a standing salute from General Dwight D. Eisenhower ~ but he didn’t get a ride! Upon discharge from the Army, Rob went home to Philadelphia, met and married the first love of his life, Dorothy “Dotty” O’Connor, and earned a mechanical engineering degree at Penn State University. He devoted his 30-year career to Unisys where he is remembered as the documentation ‘czar’ in the Roseville, MN Memory/Storage Engineering group; he retired in 1985. Rob was a brilliant, fix-anything kind of man, fond of the great outdoors, who loved camping, hiking, and canoeing, and could bake a cake over an open fire. He spent much of his life in the Boy Scouts of America, first



as a scout and later as Scout Master, receiving the coveted Silver Beaver Award for his work with young men. Rob was a bit of an expert birdwatcher alongside Dotty, taking vacations all over the USA and honing his photography skills in hopes of seeing specific birds. Lucky in love after Dotty passed away in 2002, Rob became reacquainted and fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Mary (Wolfenden) Talley; they married and enjoyed 18 years together. Rob was preceded in death by his first wife of 52 years, Dotty, and a son, and is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, his wife, Mary Talley Ginsburg, Mary’s three daughters, and other family members.

Walter Herbert and Maxene Jane (Ross) Schwanke

Walter Herbert Schwanke — Age 70, died December 29, 2000, in Forest Lake, MN, and was buried in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN.

Maxene Jane Schwanke — Age 83, passed away March 31, 2022. Maxene attended business college in the cities and worked a variety of administrative positions for many years. Maxene met Walter at Sperry UNIVAC in 1961, they married in 1962, and raised three children. Maxene had lots



of hobbies; she loved to watch birds at her feeders while she knitted a variety of gifts, enjoyed traveling and time with friends, helped others when needed, and assisted her church with her talents. Maxene was preceded in death by the love of her life and husband of 38 years, Walter, an infant daughter, a great-grandson, and other family. She was survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and other family.

Marjorie Ann Zimmer — Age 91, of Falcon Heights, MN died peacefully May 17, 2022 in Roseville, MN. Marjorie left the family farm in the early 50s to work in the Twin Cities where she met her husband, Ed, while both worked at Engineering Research Associates (ERA). She was also employed at Lebens Floral for 20+ years doing what she loved: planting, raising, and tending to plants and flowers. For over 50 years she volunteered at church maintaining flowers and plants and assisting with weddings and funerals. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, and a son, and was survived by four children and five grandchildren.





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Monthly Breakfast Gathering

- **1st Thursday**, 8 a.m. – **Capitol View Cafe**, 637 Smith Ave., **St. Paul** (corner of Smith and Baker). 651-222-2435

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday Engineering Luncheon**, 11:00 a.m. – **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan**, 4625 Nicols Rd. (off Cliff Rd.) **Keith Behnke**: 651-587-2591.
- **2nd Tuesday**, 11:30 a.m. (Unisys/Burroughs group) – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court
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