

James (Jim) Wolff, age 86 of Minnetonka, Minnesota died March 5, 2020 from cardiac arrest, surrounded by his family who dearly love him. Jim was born July 7, 1933 in Duluth. Preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Elsie Wolff and granddaughter Shannon Wolff, survived by Karol, wife of 64 years, children Peter Wolff (Catherine), Jean Lopez, Ann Kullberg (Jeff), grandchildren Jennifer Collins (Josh), Andrew Lopez (Mandy), Brady Wolff, Alexander Lopez (Talia), Sara Kullberg (Andy Pearson), Lauren Kullberg (Richard Green), Cassidy Wolff (Greg Barner), Parker Wolff, great grandchildren Zachary and Lily Collins and Roman Lopez and two sisters Carol Blair and Judy Stocke of Duluth along with many nieces and nephews.

Jim graduated from high school in Proctor, MN, B.S. in Agriculture Education at the University of Minnesota, M.S. in Guidance and Counseling from NDSU. Summer Institute at Michigan State studying the Disadvantaged. His career included Agriculture Education at Elbow Lake, Science Education at Brainerd, LSS-Director of Svec Children's Home in Fargo, Counselor at Fergus Falls Public Schools, and Counselor and Director of the Career Center for high school and adults in career change for 32 years at St. Louis Park Public Schools while he studied towards a doctorate. Jim also worked for the Lutheran Synod as pulpit supply for churches near Fergus Falls.

Education was very important to Jim and he took every opportunity to be learning. Jim learned to play the guitar in retirement. Jim was an avid gardener, traveler, reader and writer (published tests "Career Change Readiness Scale"). He also loved golfing, cooking and was a great parent who took a very active role in raising his children. He was active in organizations-Gourmet Club, Ballroom and Square Dancing, MEA, NEA, AVA and a Trustee in the MN Career Development Association. Building, landscaping and developing the family cottage was a major love for Jim. Church was very important to him. He and Karol met in choir where they sang together for 30+ years. He was a Sunday School Superintendent, council member, communion assistant, and lay reader. He especially loved reading aloud and spent most of the five days a month during chemo for the past seven years with Leukemia, reading and sharing whole books with his wife, Karol. An appropriate statement describing Jim was that grandchildren noted that he visits with people, cares about what they were doing and was very current with world events and technology. He was friendly to everyone, kind and interested in the lives of others. He loved making people laugh and would always have a joke ready for his Wednesday morning breakfast group. He was known for his word play. He wrote limericks and poetry about his children and grandchildren and special ones for each grandchild as they became engaged and got married. In the last year, after doing his DNA, he discovered he was a high percentage Finnish after 85 years of thinking he was German and Swedish so he quickly began researching how a guy of Finnish descent should behave. It was fun for him, one more adventure and one more thing to learn. We love him and miss him dearly.

A private memorial service celebrating his life will be held at Westwood Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park on September 11, 2020. Watch the live stream of the funeral at Westwood Lutheran Church here: [www.Westwood.church/funerals](http://www.Westwood.church/funerals) at 1pm.

*In Loving Memory of*



*James (Jim) Wolff*

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE**

1:00 pm - Friday, September 11th

**Westwood Lutheran Church**

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Prelude

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Solo ..... “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Remembrance ..... Jerry Thompson

Scripture Readings

- Isaiah 43:1-5a
- Phil. 4:4-7
- Luke 2 (Video of Jim Reading)

Sermon

Solo..... “On Eagles Wings”

Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

Commendation

Benediction

Solo ..... “Amazing Grace”

Postlude

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**PASTOR**

Jason Van Hunnik

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**PIANIST**

G.Phillip Schoultz III

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**SOLOIST**

JERRY ROELOFS

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