

Jim Hermes, a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, godfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 9, 2024, at his home in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Born on November 16, 1936, in Tacoma, Washington, Jim was the son of Eleanor Muriel Halpin and Henry Wade Hermes. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Joshua Hermes; his sister, Patricia Cowing and brother-in-law, Carl Cowing, and his brothers, David and Ted Hermes. He was also preceded by his brothers-in-law, Peter Machaiek, Tony Swanson, and Raymond Swanson. Jim is lovingly remembered by his wife of 58 years, Nancy (Swanson) Hermes. They were married on August 6, 1966, at St. Peter's Catholic Church. He is survived by his children: Sarah Bye (Ron), Wade Hermes (Teresa), Joe Hermes (Melanie), and John Hermes (Casey). He is also survived by his sister, Marianne Machaiek, his brother, Mike Hermes (Pat), and his sisters-in-law, Ann Marie Hoheisel (Ron) and Joyce Swanson. Jim's legacy continues through his grandchildren: Alex Bye, Jack Bye, Victor Bye, Ryan Hermes, Ava Hermes, Adele Hermes, and Bryn Hermes, as well as his many nieces and nephews. Jim's strong faith in Jesus Christ and his Catholic beliefs were central to his life. He loved sharing his faith with others and often reminded people that Jesus loves them. Jim worked as a realtor for over 60 years in Forest Lake, starting his career with his father, Henry, and taking over the family business after his father's passing. Hermes Real Estate, Merrill Lynch, Burnett Realty, and RE/MAX. Jim will be remembered for his friendly personality, laughter, and his ability to make friends everywhere he went. His corny jokes and kindness made a lasting impression on everyone he met. If you knew Jim, you could usually hear him before you could see him. Memorials preferred to family or St. Peter's Catholic Church. Jim's kindness and spirit will be remembered by all who knew him.

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In Loving Memory of
Jim Hermes

Born

November 16, 1936
Tacoma, Washington

Died

September 9, 2024
Forest Lake, Minnesota

Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 25, 2024
The Church of Saint Peter
Forest Lake, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Daniel Bodin
Rev. Gregory Abbott

Musicians

Bonnie Wurscher - Accompanist
Resurrection Choir - Vocalists
Rebecca Ortega - Soloist

Pallbearers

Alex Bye Jack Bye Victor Bye
Ryan Hermes Ed Hamil Jim Schmidt

Interment

Calvary Cemetery
Forest Lake, Minnesota

Tomorrow

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, That
Jesus came and called my name and took me by the hand.
And when I walked through heaven's gates. I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from his golden throne.
He said, *This is eternity and all I've promised you.
Today your life on earth is past and here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrows, but today will always last,
And since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.
You have been faithful, so trusting and true,
Though there were times you did some things
you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free,
So won't you take my hand and share My life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

Jim's family is grateful for your attendance today. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join them for a luncheon and time of sharing after the mass in St. Peter's Hall.