VIP Club *Newsletter*

Do you have a story, recollection, or pictures to share?
Send them to clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org or to board@vipclubmn.org,
and we'll include them in the newsletter and/or post to the website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 17, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Did you **volunteer** to support an organization last year? Maybe a school, church, civic group, social agency, or some other organization that needed your help? If so, you are invited to the VIP Club Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha Street South, St. Paul, MN 55107.

Volunteerism is an important contribution to our community and nation, and our club is pleased to recognize our volunteers each year during National Volunteer Month. Anyone who volunteered in the last year is welcome—no reporting of hours or mention of organizations supported is necessary (although we like to hear about them at the luncheon). Lunch is on us, so come and enjoy a great meal and some social time with fellow volunteers. Unisys management has been invited to speak about the pending Unisys move to Woodbury.

To sign up, watch for and respond to the Evite coming your way mid-March. We need an accurate headcount so Joseph's can properly plan for our group. If Evite doesn't work for you, call or text *Harvey Taipale* at 651 280 7332 to let us know if you plan to attend. See all you **Volunteers** on April 17 at Joseph's!

Syttende Mai   May 24 doors open 10:45 a.m. **NOTE**: We celebrate a week later than May 17 to avoid so many other Nordic events at that time. Watch for an Evite; until then, here are details:

➢ **WHAT:** Annual Lockheed Martin/Unisys Syttende Mai Celebration.
➢ **IMPORTANT:** Register before May 15 with Dale Torgerson at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com; we need the headcount for the food quantities
➢ **WHERE:** Casper's Cherokee of Eagan (back room), 4625 Nicols Road, Eagan, MN 55122
➢ **COST:** $25; cash bar available for those who want to mingle before the lunch and program

➢ **FOOD:** Buffet includes Norwegian meatballs, salmon, BBQ ribs, chicken, and veggies
➢ **PROGRAM:** Speaker: Retired sociology professor *Dale Torgerson and Dick Lundgren are coordinating.*

Annual Reunion Picnic   June 19 at Eagan Central Park Pavilion. Watch the website and your e-mail/Evites for details as they become available. Are you a picnic regular, or new and looking to get involved? Send an e-mail to board@vipclubmn.org to volunteer as an assistant to our long-time coordinator, *John Westergren.*

SAVE these dates . . .

Roseville Good Old Days   September 12 at the Roseville VFW. *Dave Kleba is coordinating.*

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

Correction:
Lowell Benson made a mistake on page two of the January/February issue in the *Jerry Williams Tribute*: "The last VIP Club ERA employee has left us, laid to rest on December 29 in Northfield, MN." Upon reading the article, Harold Grandprey called me to state that he had started at ERA and was still ticking and kicking at a century of age. Congratulations to him on his longevity and eagle eye to spot a factual error. Mea Culpa for not canvassing our Life members.

Membership   Are you one of 83 members whose VIP Club membership has expired? This is your final newsletter, unless you renew. If your e-mail subject line contains 2023, or if 2023 appears after your name on the U.S. mail delivery label, your membership is expired. Go to Club Membership (vipclubmn.org) for renewal info.

VIP Club   Scheduled Board Meetings: April 3, June 5, 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.

SOCIAL REPORT

At the January 7 Holiday Party, 46 members of the VIP Club and their significant others enjoyed an afternoon of socializing and a scrumptious meal of steak, chicken, or walleye at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. After dinner, the Eagan Men's Chorus entertained with holiday music. If you were there and have pictures to share, please send them to clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that I've presided at my second VIP Club board meeting, my anxiety level has decreased and I'm excited about the upcoming club activities that the board is organizing. My hope is that more of you will plan to participate and encourage your coworkers to join you. The dates are all shown on the club's home page (http://vipclubmn.org), so add them to your personal calendar and sign up to attend when you receive the Evite.

Our next event is in April when we will recognize the many volunteer efforts of our members with a free lunch at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul. This is an opportunity to celebrate the positive influence our club members have had on the community during the past year.

In June we will hold our annual picnic at Eagan Central Park Pavilion. We need some volunteers to help with this event. Steve Koltes was our chief chef and we need someone to replace him. John Westergren handles the kitchen and he could use some assistance with monitoring the serving tables. Please consider volunteering to help at this event.

A continuing topic at board meetings is discussing the future of the club. Our legacy companies have greatly reduced their presence in Minnesota, and it comes as no surprise that our actual membership and the people eligible for membership continue to gradually, but steadily, decline. The requirement for membership (former employee, age 55+) was a bit narrow.

The VIP Club was organized over 44 years ago to allow UNIVAC employees a venue to maintain working relationships after retirement. This was expanded to include former employees who moved on to local spin-offs from UNIVAC, like Control Data, Cray, and other technology companies in the 50s and 60s, and later on to companies like Leidos, PDA, DRS/Leonardo, Sentera, and others today. Moreover, the board recognized that the desire to reconnect with former fellow employees, current and across work generations, is not limited to retirement, but occurs at all stages of one's career.

With the hope that the club can continue to be a valuable organization in future years, the board voted to revise our bylaws to eliminate the 55+ requirement, which will expand the number of potential members. **The revised membership criteria basically states that any former employee of the legacy and/or successor companies, regardless of age or retirement status, is eligible for membership in the club.** Membership is granted upon submitting the membership form found on the club website with the payment of club dues.

So, spread the word to anyone who may be interested—if someone's career included a stint at the local operations of UNIVAC, Unisys, Lockheed Martin, Leidos, or any of the dozens of companies launched by former employees, they are welcome to join the VIP Club.

Jim Andrews, VIP Club President

YOUR 2024 BOARD STORY

Our *Your Story* section is again sharing VIP Club board member stories, introducing two new club directors, Les Flugum and Eric Spring. Enjoy their snippets into their life stories, and remember, *Your Stories* are still always welcome!

Board Bio: Les Flugum

I grew up in the Albert Lea, MN, area, helping the family by working on our dairy farm. But that was also the time when the U.S. Space Program was starting up. My interest in the space program and how things were designed and built led to me selecting the University of Minnesota for its engineering program. After attending the U of MN for three years, I switched to an engineering technology program at Anoka Ramsey Community College.

After completing an associate of arts degree, I applied and was hired by Sperry UNIVAC. This began a 49-year career working at Sperry UNIVAC, Sperry, Unisys, Paramax, Loral, and then Lockheed Martin (LM). I had a diverse career, beginning at the Plant 1 facility. My efforts were to perform checkout and final test on the RD-358 magnetic tape system. When this program transitioned to the Salt Lake City location, I was able to find a position with the Air Traffic Control (ATC) engineering team, testing the design of the Sensor Receiver and Processor (SRAP).

During this time, I decided to return to the U of MN to complete my electrical engineering degree. Upon graduation, I moved to the AN/UYK-43 computer design team, working as a design engineer on the Central Processing Unit (CPU) module. As the program completed, I moved to the Eagan Postal Engineering

group, with responsibility for the Postal Mailing Center (PMC) design (an automated postal kiosk to weigh packages and provide the required postage to mail the letter or package). This also included the project to sell the PMC systems to Argentina's postal service. As part of the design and support, I traveled to Argentina to help train and set up the systems. Once that project was completed, I worked on a couple more ATC programs.

At that point in my career, I joined the Eagan Cost Engineering group that worked with various engineering teams to develop engineering estimates for Eagan proposals, and provided input to engineering management as the estimates were reviewed and evaluated. I was asked by management to lead the effort to implement new estimating tools to streamline the overall process. This led to implementing a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) proposal pricing tool called PROPRICER, which calculated the cost build-ups for the estimates, and produced government-compliant reports for inclusion in proposal cost volumes. As Eagan became part of Lockheed Martin's Mission Systems and Sensors (MS2), I led the efforts to integrate the proposal tools across the enterprise. When MS2 grew and was transformed into MST and then Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS), I continued to lead the integration and maintenance of these proposal tools across the enterprise until my retirement in 2023. While working, I also became a professional engineer and earned a LM Lean/Six Sigma Black Belt.

Outside of working, my wife and I raised a family and supported our children's activities in sports and Boy Scouts. I now enjoy attending my grandchildren's activities; golfing and walking for exercise; volunteering at the Lawshe Museum, helping with the Lockheed Martin Legacy team efforts; and I just became a VIP Club Board of Directors member.

Les Flugum

Board Bio: Eric Spring

I graduated from Iowa State University (ISU) in 1970 with degrees in computer science, math, and statistics. At that time, a computer science degree at ISU was one of the first offered in the country. I started work with UNIVAC and retired in 2010 from Lockheed Martin (LM), after 40 years in engineering. The only job I had from college to retirement was contributing to Defense Systems at the Eagan, MN, site. The work was challenging, engaging, frustrating, and yet, extremely satisfying. I have worked mostly 30 years as an engineering manager and was on staff to five directors and four Vice Presidents (VPs). My first dozen years were in the software development and integration of the Central Computer Complex (CCC), which was targeted for the new SSN-688 class submarines and based on the UYK-7 computer. A key first-of-its-kind feature was developing an automatic system casualty recovery capability from various hardware failures. Some of my most satisfying work was providing technical support for several years at land bases on the east coast and at sea, usually around the Bahamas. This also involved being the onsite rep for five months at the System Certification and Integration Facility (SCIF) in Newport, RI. I was fortunate to participate in a cradle-to-grave development ending in final operational delivery and sea support.

I thought I could be most impactful to the company by managing groups of engineers, and did so in the System Integration and Test, Application Software Development, Cost Engineering, and other groups. In 1993 I was happy to act as a temporary director to lead the effort to organize Software Engineering when we went to a matrix organization.

For the last 12 years at LM, I also volunteered for corporate University Relations as the LM Technical Liaison to the ISU Electrical and Computer Engineering departments. ISU was named a Key School for LM in 1998. Our Engineering VP was the overall ISU LM Engineering Liaison. Together we would represent LM at ISU on corporate Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECpE) external advisory boards. Our objective: to help direct the Engineering departments to better equip graduating students for entry to LM's specific needs and to broaden LM's exposure there for hiring. I also developed a proposal presented to LM corporate to secure a grant to help start a Software Engineering Degree program at ISU. It was approved and became one of the first in the country! I enjoyed many recruiting events on campus and at LM.

On my personal side, at age 23 I bought land in Eagan; with much initial help from work friends, in 1973 my brothers and I started to build our house. If you are going to live in a house, what better way to know how to maintain it than to build it?! It was a steep learning curve; after they left that summer, I spent the next 20 years finishing it! We put in over 30,000 nails, and after 51 years it is still standing—and yes, I live in that house! In 1977, I married Debbie from NE Mpls. We have three wonderful, successful children with whom I love spending time, along with four grandkids.

Debbie and I continually updated our home as needed, including adding a three-story addition, and we also bought a lake cabin in 1987 near Webster, WI. We replaced it with a new build in 2002, which was a bit of a disaster—my contractor went bankrupt! After stress, anxiety, and work by us, we now say it's done.

I still have my first car from college: a 1967 Austin Healey Sprite. It has been a lot of fun over the years, but one night I was headed for a midnight shift at the Military Equipment Test Center (METC). Approaching a red stoplight, I pushed on the brakes and the pedal went to the floor. The brake line had broken. The only one around was a highway patrolman as I slowly rolled through the red light, with us looking at each other! Needless to say, I was late getting to METC.

Since retirement, Debbie and I traveled on an Alaskan cruise, and visited many states and Mexico. I have also kept busy with some fishing in Canada; a short time working in my brother's deck and basement business; starting a mostly management consulting business, doing proof-of-concept of a friend's start-up; remodeling my daughter's house; doing house and cabin projects; cutting and splitting wood; and trying to counter my aging process at Lifetime Fitness.

My wife of 42 years, Debbie, passed away in 2019. Since then, I have devoted much time exploring and deepening my faith.

I am very blessed, humbled, and proud of having a beyond-meaningful career; I performed dream jobs, worked for the best company, and did important and unique work with so many of the brightest people in the country. I am very happy to now be a VIP Club Director, contributing where I can.

Eric Spring

LEGACY STORY

ARTS II ATC Display Added to Lawshe Museum Computer Exhibit

As many of you are aware, the Dakota County Historical Society's Lawshe Museum is home for an exhibit of heritage UNIVAC/Unisys/Lockheed Martin computers and displays. This exhibit was established in 2012, when the Lockheed Martin Eagan facility was closed. The exhibit includes military computers and displays, as well as an Automated Radar Terminal System (ARTS) computer related to the heritage Air Traffic Control (ATC) business. The exhibit recently added an ARTS II display console used by air traffic controllers to monitor and manage incoming and departing airport traffic. This display was donated by the Eagan office of Leidos. Once part of Sperry UNIVAC, Unisys, LORAL, and then Lockheed Martin, the ATC group became part of Leidos in 2016 when Lockheed Martin sold the ATC business to Leidos.

The availability of this display was identified by Keith Myhre and Steve Koltes several years ago. Steve had worked at Leidos and arranged the Leidos donation. However, the challenge was moving the display console to the museum. The initial plan was to move the display ourselves using a trailer or pickup truck. COVID-19 caused a delay for over a year, followed by Lawshe's 2022 renovations closure. Once we learned that the display weighed 663 lbs and had caster wheels, the "do it ourselves" plan was discarded. Too heavy to lift onto a pickup, too heavy for a snowmobile trailer, and too dangerous to try to wheel it up/down a ramp onto a truck caused us to rethink our transfer method. Conclusion: Hire a moving company. Sadly, Steve Koltes passed away in November 2023, so Keith asked me (Les Flugum) to facilitate the move. We got the VIP Club Board to pay for the move, contacted Bailey Jari at Leidos to schedule the transfer, and then arranged for Bester Bros Transfer & Storage to handle the move on January 2. (Bester Bros moved and stored the Lawshe Museum's artifacts during the museum renovation.) Within two hours the display console was unloaded and moved into place next to the ATC Input Output Processor (IOP) computer.

ARTS II Display (L to R: Les Flugum, Keith Myhre, Les Nelson)

ARTS II Display Explanation

ARTS II Display and UNIVAC ARTS III IOP

(more pictures on next page)

The museum staff appreciated that the ARTS II display console was added to the exhibit prior to their annual meeting on January 20. The meeting included a panel discussion on the effects of 9/11 on air traffic.
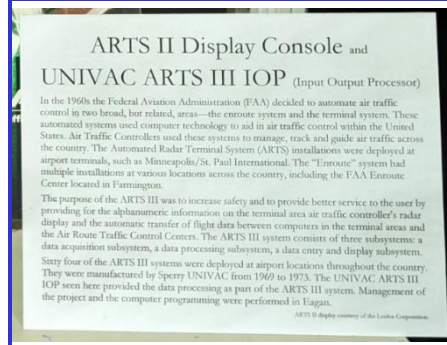
In addition to the ARTS II display, three 5-drawer file cabinets were donated by Leidos and delivered to the Lawshe Museum. We now have a total of nine file cabinets (five donated by Leidos) squeezed into our UNIVAC/Unisys/LM dedicated room/workspace at the museum, along with 30+ archive boxes.

The file cabinets will eventually contain most/all of the documents, photos, and slides currently in the archive boxes.

Les Flugum

Dedicated Workspace at the Lawshe Museum | Les Nelson in our Museum Workspace | Keith Myhre in our Museum Workspace

Browser Letter Response: *From Don Mager ~ "Although my memory is getting hazy, after reading the Browser Letter from Betsy Wilson regarding UNIVAC computers at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), I recalled my association with JPL. Circa 1964, JPL bought a 1218 and modified some priority logic in the I/O which resulted in infrequent faults in their operating system. The change they made looked okay and should not have caused any problems. Nevertheless, after a couple of weeks of remotely working with them, trying to solve the problem, I was sent to JPL, CA, to try to resolve the problem. Because the problem was very infrequent and unable to be captured, I came up with a theoretical possible cause and a logic change about which I consulted with Hy Osofsky and Glen Kregness in St. Paul, both of whom agreed it was worth a try. So, I installed the change and the problem was gone.* [**Note:** *JPL and the 1218s were responsible for the telemetry reception and preprocessing for the Gemini space missions, etc.]*

Some months later, I get a panic call to go to Cape Kennedy; the JPL project which was now at Cape Kennedy was having problems. The JPL guys were surprised to see me and assured me they had no problems with the computer—some kind of gross miscommunication—and invited me to a backyard barbeque that evening and then later took me to Jai Alai games. Fun guys to be with! They also told me about how they were teased by fellow JPL lab guys for having bought the UNIVAC computer on reverse psychology. When they requested data from International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation, Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), Control Data Corporation (CDC), etc., they received nice brochures. From UNIVAC they received two typed pages of data with a note: 'Contact us if you're interested.' They loved the computer."

Don's NASA Recollection: *"In 1965, NASA was procuring computers for the Apollo communications network. Congress had mandated that the computers were not to be of a new design, but could be modifications of existing designs. We bid a 'modified' version of the USQ-642BB computer and won. This*

became the UNIVAC 1230, the predecessor of the UNIVAC 1530. Red Phillips, the new Plant 5 engineering director, assigned me to be project engineer. Glen Kregness designed the arithmetic section, Bob Oulicky the I/O, and I designed the control section. I was awarded my first patent for a novel method of communication with the optional external expanded 265K memory. With its two-microsecond overlapped memory banks it was capable of approaching four times the performance of the USQ-642B—just a minor modification—LOL. On the front of the computer we had UNIVAC 1230. Ed Willis, the NASA acceptance officer, was so adamant it be called Modified USQ-642B that he made us change the nameplate on the front! On the day of the acceptance, with Willis there, Bob Oulicky, using the overhead console indicator lights, made them flash '1230, 1230,' over and over. Another funny moment during acceptance was when Ed Schwarz, future attorney who had written the acceptance procedure, turned to Willis and very seriously said, 'You can spare me the indignity of coming to a fault stop if you'll allow me to correct this trivial error in my procedure.' Everybody, including Willis, was laughing! Fond memories."

February Our Stories: The *ERA to Unisys* webinar hosted by the U of MN's TwinSPIN organization. "The Twin Cities Software Process Improvement Network (TwinSPIN) (https://cse.umn.edu/umsec/twinspin) is a regional organization serving as a forum for the free and open exchange of software process improvement ideas and experiences. We fulfill our mission of skills enhancement and sustained commitment in the area of software process improvement through an interactive program of knowledge sharing, networking, and mutual support. TwinSPIN strives to serve as a community of practice for its members, other SPIN organizations, and the general community of software professionals. From 1996 through today, qualified practitioners in the field have shared their knowledge and expertise via interactive and engaging workshops and presentations." The slides are TwinSPIN1 and associated text,

TwinSpinTwo. The host has posted the presentation as a YouTube, Lowell Benson - TwinSPIN Meeting Feb. 1st meeting - YouTube.

Longevity points to look for in the webinar:

- Human Computer Interface (HCI) inventions in the 50s and 70s provided technologies that are in systems use yet today, including in cell phones!
- Naval Tactical Data Systems (NTDS) contracts started in the mid-50s; fourth-generation hardware systems (AN/USQ-70) were aboard the 2013 launching of the USS Minneapolis submarine, a 55-year systems evolution.
- The Navy's automated landing systems 1219Bs had a 50-year service life.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) customer's Input/Output Processors (IOPs) had a 40-year service life. If you have flown since the 50s, ERA/UNIVAC/Sperry/ Unisys/Lockheed Martin/Leidos systems have helped keep you safe.
- The Lockheed Martin P-3C's CP-901 computers had a 45-year service life.
- MAPPER software apps started in 1968 as an internal tool, then morphed into business information systems in 1986. It was still being used in 2013—a 45+-year service life.
- The first customer use of MAPPER was Santa Fe railroad. By 1982, over 2,500 terminals were online tracking over 68,000 cars in ~175 rail yards using two Sperry 1100/84 central multiprocessors.
- First computer company, ERA to Unisys lineage, was direct. The Eckert–Mauchly Computer Corporation (EMCC) incorporated after ERA incorporation, although founders of both had roots in WWII military hardware electronics systems. Remington Rand, IBM, and Burroughs were office equipment companies that bought their way into the computer industry. *Lowell Benson*

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.
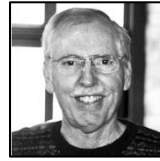
"Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Still loved, still missed, and very dear."
~Alex MacLean, Grave Situation

Andrew Frederick Brevig – Age 93, died February 1, 2024, in Starbuck, MN. Andy completed his education at the West Central School of Agriculture in 1946 and continued farming south of Starbuck. Andy enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Mississippi, Nevada, and New Mexico. After a devastating house fire, Andy and his family moved to St. Paul where he began his career at UNIVAC. He retired in 1988, after which he delivered mail as a sub for 10+ years, and was a VIP Club member. Andy was active in the Herman American Legion, Sons of Norway, and Boy Scouts as a Leader and Scout Master. His hobbies included gardening, bowling, horseshoes, scouting, jigsaw puzzles, hunting, and more. He was a great storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor; lived his life as a faithful, church-minded man; and cherished his large family. Andy is preceded in death by his wife, Carol, two sons, and other family, and is survived by 8 children, 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

John William Esch — Age 82, of Burnsville, MN passed away suddenly January 21, 2024, one day after returning home from heart valve surgery. John did his undergraduate work at the University of Wisconsin and earned his PhD at the University of Illinois. John was a pioneer in early computer science, especially the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI), long before the rest of the world. His inventive mind resulted in many patents during his career with Sperry UNIVAC and Lockheed Martin, and his passion for developing the AI field led to three more patents in the past two years. His electrical engineering career was a natural profession for this accomplished Eagle Scout and Coast Guard veteran. John put his family first: changing diapers, coaching teams, attending every recital and performance, and countless home projects. His mind was brilliant, and he was honest, caring, patient—a genuinely good and kind man. John, a VIP Club member, retired after 35 years to spend more time with his grandchildren, and countless hours with his wife, Judi, gardening, rollerblading, kayaking, camping, and traveling the world. John, husband of Judi for 58 years, is also survived by three daughters, a daughter-in-spirit, three grandchildren, other family, and neighborhood children who embrace him as their grandpa.

Gary Lynn Gilbertson — Age 77, of Inver Grove Heights, MN passed away from cancer December 24, 2023. Gary attended North Dakota State School of Science graduating with a degree in electronic technology. He was in the Army National Guard and also worked for Sperry UNIVAC/Unisys where he spent a large part of his career. He was a kind person who loved airplanes, cabin time, fishing, reading, and his grandkids. Gary is survived by his wife, Carole (Bohn) Gilbertson, two daughters, three grandkids, and other extended family.
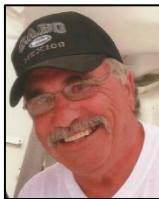
Anna Marie Grecco — Age 61, of Lakeville, MN passed away February 13, 2024. Anna Marie earned a BS degree in computer science from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and a master of software design and development from the University of St. Thomas. She began her career working at Sperry, Roseville, and later transitioned to Texcel Research, Inc., and then to West Publishing from where she retired in 2018 as a vice president. Anna Marie had a kind, generous soul and a very competitive spirit. She was an avid golfer; enjoyed playing cards and board games; and walking, golf, pickleball, and more at the Lakeville Heritage Center. She

was generous and selfless with her time and treasures. Anna Marie is survived by her mother, brothers, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Floyd Michael Hale — Age 78, passed away January 3, 2024 in his Stillwater, MN home. Floyd enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves and served his country for six years as a field radio repairman. While in the Reserves, he graduated from the U of MN with a BS degree in business. Floyd spent 30 years in the computer industry employed by Unisys, Concurrent Computer Corp, and Tandem, Integrity Systems Div. He changed careers at 57 after receiving his master of science in applied psychology/behavior analysis from St. Cloud State University, and worked as a behavioral analyst at the MN State Traumatic Brain Injury Hospital; after 10 years, he retired as director of the hospital. He and his wife of 51 years, Shirley (nee Simon), made their home in several places, and lived their dream for 26 years in Crosby, MN in a log house on Perry Lake. Floyd is survived by his wife, Shirley, one son, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and other family and friends.
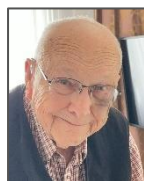
Norval Dale Howe — Age 101, passed away December 23, 2023. Norval entered the U.S. Army Air Corps (U.S. Air Force) and served during WWII as a crew chief on C-47 transport planes. Norval graduated from Dunwoody College of Technology and embarked on a career with Remington Rand UNIVAC (Unisys) as a draftsman and industrial designer until his retirement. Over his 101 years, Norval witnessed and experienced much, but time with family and friends was the best! He maintained a special dry sense of humor, had a passion for aviation, ice skated into his late 80s, was a voracious reader, took pride in maintaining a perfect lawn, and spent many hours creating beautiful woodworking projects. Norval was preceded in death by his wife of 77 years, Alpha Golberg, and is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Donald 'Jerry' Kivi — Age 84, of Eagan, MN passed away December 30, 2023. Jerry earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from the U of MN. He worked for Lockheed Martin for over 30 years as a computer programmer. After retirement, he volunteered at the Rahn Elementary School media center, renamed the Jerry Kivi Media Center in 2016, for 18 years before his re-retirement. He loved seeing the kids, organizing books, and greeting each student by name. Jerry derived most of his joy from his family, and enjoyed puzzles, sports, and self-deprecating stories of his past. Jerry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Deanna, four sons, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Ernest Stanley Lantto — Age 92, died January 16, 2024, in Dassel, MN. Ernie graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in mathematics. Ernie was serving in the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force base, involved in their first deployment of computers. He and his wife, Louise A. Granath, later moved to St. Louis Park, MN where Ernie began his career as a computer engineer for UNIVAC. When transferred to Europe, he and his family lived in The Hague, Netherlands, and Bonn, West Germany. They spent summers traveling Europe in a Volkswagen camper van which sparked Ernie's passion for traveling; he visited 43 countries and traveled to Europe and Costa Rica in his 90s. The family returned from Europe to the same home they left five years earlier. A VIP Club member, Ernie retired from Sperry in 1988. He loved renewing Louise's childhood farm home property, and is remembered for his storytelling and undying love of his Finnish heritage. He was active in church and a member of the Kingston American Legion Post 483. He was a devoted husband caring for Louise her last five years as she suffered from dementia and Parkinson's. Ernie is preceded in death by Louise, two children, and two grandchildren, and is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and other family.

Teresa 'Terry' Lichttenegger — Age 89, of Brooklyn Park, MN passed away January 25, 2024. A coworker remembers her as the wife of Ken Lichttenegger, whom he knew from the instrument lab in Plant 2 in the 1950s, and as a founder of the UNIVAC Canoe Club. Terry is survived by Ken, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Andrew Eugene Simon — Age 80, of Rosemount, MN passed away February 15, 2024. Andy graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, and worked at Lockheed Martin for 36 years as a computer programmer; he was a VIP Club member. He enjoyed softball with his work friends, was in the Lions Club, and volunteered at church and with his grandchildren for WHEP. He loved to fish and camp, especially with his grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling and visited Thailand, Canada, Mexico, Africa, Alaska, and Hawaii, among others. He especially loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events and activities. Andy is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Goetzke, two children, four grandchildren, and other family and friends.

Late Remembrance

Patricia Mary Gilligan (Buehler) — Age 82, of Bloomington, MN passed away peacefully at home from pancreatic cancer July 31, 2022. Pat was a lay Discalced Carmelite and founded Our Lady of the Angels Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Pat was a devoted loving wife to her husband of 61 years, Frank Gilligan, a Lockheed Martin VIP Club member, and a mother who dedicated her life to the Lord and raising her children. She loved to garden and cook. She is survived by Frank, 4 children, 31 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, and was preceded in death by a grandson 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. **Temporarily Suspended**

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