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UPCOMING EVENTS

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2024

Roseville Good Old Days September 12, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Rosetown American Legion Post, 700 County Road C West in Roseville.

Old Timers' Reunion November 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy in Eagan.

2025

Holiday Party January 5 at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Eagan. Details TBD.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 23, most likely at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha Street South, Saint Paul. Details TBD.

Syttende Mai May 16 is the tentative date and Casper's Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nicols Road the likely location. Details TBD.

Annual Reunion Picnic mid-June, most likely returning to the Eagan Central Park Pavilion, 1497 Central Pkwy. Details TBD.

2024 Event Details:

Roseville Good Old Days on September 12, 1:00 -

4:00 p.m. is our 15th 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. E-mail invitations have been sent. **No e-mail?** Contact *Dave Kleba* at <u>dckleba@netzero.net</u> or 763-323-6771 with questions. See <u>https://vipclubmn.</u> <u>org/activities.html#RGOD</u> for RGOD history and links to snapshots from previous gatherings.

Old Timers' Reunion is on **November 7**, **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy in Eagan. There will be a cash bar and a "Make Your Own Sandwich" table. Payment of \$12+tax will be collected at the table. The

Elections of 2025 VIP Club board members will take place during the event. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming a board member, contact *Harvey Taipale* at <u>hjtaipale@comcast.net</u> or 651-357-6033. Watch the <u>https://vipclubmn.org/</u> website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available. **No e-mail/evite?** Contact one of the Old Timers' Reunion coordinators with questions or to RSVP your attendance.:

Paul Hove at <u>paul@paulhove.com</u> or 651-738-4908, or *Boni Westberg* at <u>volunteerboni@gmail.com</u> or 612-418-6206,

VIP Club Scheduled Board Meetings: 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

Annual Reunion Picnic

was held on June 19 at Eagan Central Park Pavilion. The weather was nice and around 125 people attended. Pictures can be found later in this newsletter and in the online <u>gallery</u>.





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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The State Fair has ended and the grandchildren are back in school, which signals that summer is almost over. As we get older, it seems that the seasons come and go faster and faster. Although our health seems good today, we don't know how many days we have left. So,

treat each day as a blessing and live it to the fullest! Last week we drove through the Minnesota countryside to Miesville to watch our grandson play baseball at Jack Ruhr stadium, home of the town ball Miesville Mudhens. We were awestruck by the beauty of the lush fields of green as far as the eye could see. It should be a good year for the farmers!

In June, the club had a wonderful picnic at the Eagan Central Park Pavilion. It was a sunny, warm day and around 125 members attended to eat brats and burgers, drink some beer or pop, and visit with former coworkers. There was a lot of sharing memories of the "good old days" at work and what has occurred in our lives after retirement. The picnic has changed over the years. I can recall those from years ago at Highland Park that lasted until dark with games like volleyball and horseshoes. We would go through kegs of beer at the event. These last few years the picnic has been over by 5:00 p.m. with no games played. And we drink much less beer! It's a sign of our age, I suppose. We owe plenty of thanks to John Westergren who has taken the lead for years in getting and preparing the food and overseeing the kitchen for this event. Please thank him next time you see him.

The VIP Club Board is currently one board member short and is searching for someone willing to serve. Also, elections are coming up in November for all board positions. Please consider what you could do to serve the club and keep it running smoothly to the benefit of all the members. You may contact me or any board member to volunteer your services.

The board is currently determining how to proceed with printing and mailing the newsletter now that Unisys is unable to provide this service for us as they have for many years. To keep costs down, we are asking everyone who uses e-mail, but currently gets paper VIP Club newsletter copies via U.S. mail, to switch to receiving the newsletter via e-mail and reading it online—or printing it on your home computer.

Looking ahead, the club will hold its Old Timers' Reunion, including voting for 2025 board members, at Lost Spur Golf and Event Center on November 7. Save the date and watch for and reply to the Evite invitation to let us know you are coming. I hope to see you there! In the meantime, enjoy the good weather we've been having and make the most of it as our Fall season approaches.

Jim Andrews, VIP Club President

CLUB/MEMBER BUSINESS

Tidbit-Bytes from VP Pro-Tem, Lowell Benson

It is all about the people who keep our club operating, most of them volunteering quietly in the background. At the August VIP Club Board meeting, I turned the gavel over to newly appointed club vice president, Les Flugum.

Items from the August board meeting, etc.:

1. We appointed past president Harvey Taipale to form a nominating committee for the 2025 board elections. Interesting to note that the board has not had a representative from the former Roseville Plant 4 since Tom Turba was our past president in 2013. We would appreciate a 'Plant 4' retiree to be a club director and a liaison with Unisys as they transition from Eagan to Woodbury over the next year. Chat with friends and former coworkers as you gather, then contact *Harvey Taipale* at <u>hjtaipale@comcast.net</u> or 651-357-6033 to discuss or nominate someone.

2. We expect to publish this newsletter following the recommendation of member emeritus and former president Keith Behnke to use the printing firm and method that he used for his high school class reunions. Thanks to the dozens of members who agreed to receive electronic distribution instead of printed hard copies.

3. We decided to drop the club's sponsorship of member Zoom meetings. The cost was not worth the amount of use. Note that Zoom meetings up to 40 minutes long are free to all users with no subscription necessary.

4. The Legacy working space at the Lawshe Memorial Museum is being updated, with completion intended for mid-September. Details in next newsletter.

5. A **hurrah** shout-out for Gish Devlaminck, who not only manages the intricacies of our membership database, but processes most of our U.S. mail, handles credit union deposits from the mail, does the picnic reservations and insurance, and provides communications suggestions for the newsletter and web formats. All while being quite active at an American Legion post!

Thanks to the board and membership for having me serve them again, albeit for a short time.

Lowell Benson 2024 - 1/P Pro-Tem

LEGACY STORY

Legacy Tidbit-Byte

The Minnesota Historical Society sponsors a WWII Round Table, a series of talks about significant WWII events—now in its 38th year. They have issued the 2024– 2025 Schedule of Programs at the Minnesota History Center, <u>https://vipclubmn.org/Temp/MHS-Year38talks.pdf</u>.

On January 14, 2025, Marc Wortman, author of *The Greatest Capitalist Who Ever Lived*, will explain the evolution of the technology of IBM in WWII, and Lowell Benson will tell the importance of how the roots of the Glider Program in WWII led into the computer industry in Minnesota. Either Lowell or Harvey Taipale will present for about half an hour using information from John M. Lindley's manuscript, "*Born of a Wartime Necessity:*" *From Combat Gliders to Computers in Minnesota, 1941-1946* (https://vipclubmn.org/Documents/BornofaWartimeNecessity Revised.11.14.16.pdf) and other sources.

Our Stories

The Our Stories for July, August, and September are mostly about people dealing with other people to resolve issues of customers, clients, government, and other company departments.

July: Lowell Benson's Oral Interview Transcribed. In 2019/2020, the Minnesota Historical Society conducted oral interviews of numerous computer industry individuals with no end purpose other than to save history. The project's intent was to transcribe the interviews and save for researchers. Keith Myhre had provided a list of Sperry/Unisys candidates, including Lowell. Unfortunately, the interviewer, Ryan Borland, left on maternity leave, then COVID stalled the project. Check out oral interview transcripts for:

- Lowell Benson <u>https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/Trans</u> cript-LowellBenson.pdf
- Keith Myhre <u>https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/KeithM</u> <u>yhreOralInterview.pdf</u>
- Earl Vraa <u>https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/Vraa-EarlBio.pdf</u>.

At least a dozen others were conducted—their transcription status is unknown as of June 2024.

Epilogue: My apologies for jumping around between technologies, projects, and people during my oral interview; my career summary is more succinct at <u>https://vipclubmn.org/People1.html#Benson</u>.

Browse <u>https://vipclubmn.org/People.html</u>, then consider writing your career story if we don't already have it. Thanks!

<u>August:</u> <u>NAC Became ERA</u> by John M. Lindley, adapted for the VIP Club's Legacy Anthology by Lowell Benson. Northwestern Aeronautical Corporation (NAC) in St. Paul was the second largest manufacturer of WWII Gliders. John M. Lindley masterfully researched the glider topic and created a manuscript in 2016. In a nutshell, Mr. Lindley's manuscript is a partial biography of John Parker, president of NAC 1942–1946, then president of Engineering Research Associates (ERA) 1946–1952. Mr. Lindley's manuscript has 229 pages and 225 listed references. A prime source of information was the John Parker oral interviews from The Charles Babbage Institute at the U of MN.

In 2005, the Unisys/LMCO retirees club formed a Legacy Committee to capture the unwritten history of ERA. Hereunder are extracted portions of Mr. Lindley's Introduction and parts of his Chapter Six that relate the transition from NAC to ERA.

Mr. Lindley's manuscript needs publication funding, especially to select and insert snapshots and illustrations (e.g., the book cover scan on page 4 and other images herein). Other photos are available at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in South St. Paul. A restored NAC Glider can be seen at the Fagan Fighters WWII Museum in Granite Falls, MN (<u>www.vipclubmn.org/Artic</u> <u>les/Plant2History.pdf</u>) and <u>www.vipclubmn.org/Locations.ht</u> <u>ml</u> has information about the St. Paul ERA/NAC manufacturing facility history.

LABenson

September: An IT Legacy Paper by Michael Cort Loran at https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/UnisysOSmemories .pdf. This paper by Mr. Michael Loran has been edited for the VIP Club's Legacy Anthology by LABenson specifically, most of Mr. Loran's personal family activities and company parties have been cut out. I recognized two names of the dozens of coworkers that Michael identified: Ron Q. Smith from our Legacy Committee and Willis Unke from the VIP Club Christmas parties.

From Loran's Legacy Paper: "The Unisys Denmark social club UIF (Unisys Interesse Forening) once had an outing at the Diesel House in

Copenhagen - amongst the displays in the museum was a model of the B&W (BURMEISTER & WAIN) shipyard



buildings. There, I stood by the model and explained about the times that I worked onsite at B&W. After the visit, my boss through many years, Palle Hansen, asked me to write the story of the Unisys sites I have worked at before that history is lost.

Now (2017), after assembling notes for seven years and a 40-year career with Unisys, it is time to finish and publish.

I think Unisys is a good company, but most of all for me Unisys is all the wonderful people I have met and worked with! I have met a few Unisys people I did not like [mostly people who talk as if they have invented everything in Unisys on their own], but then I just avoid them. Otherwise, I think Unisys somehow has been able to employ great people. From family and friends, I hear about different work environments and different workplace 'tones,' so I appreciate the managers and colleagues I have had. Yes, there is teasing and fun in the workplace, but it has always stayed at a very sober level, from my experience.

Did I miss anything while working for Unisys? Only a few things. Over the years I have heard stories of these wonderful club events for the salespeople that have met their quotas – and that non-salespeople were sometimes invited; but I never was. There have been countless instances where we have saved a sales representative who has promised 'the impossible,' and in the end we made it work – and they therefore made it to the club meetings!

Two other misses: 1) I never visited St. Paul de Venice! I was supposed to attend numerous times, but I was always dropped off the list at some point. And finally: 2) Unisys has sent me to so many places, but never to Australia!

But in the end: Unisys – you have been very, very good to me!" Michael Loran



Recollections of readers may vary, feedback is welcome, webmaster@vipclubmn.org!

From Facebook, July 2024, Apollo XI Support Award

Woody Knight

This is the NASA presentation for my Apollo XI support. The documents are the original Quality Program Provisions for Space System Contractors, NPC 200 and 300, for which I was responsible for final publication. It was a great experience.



In 1968 Woody moved to Bonn-Bad Godesberg with his family to establish a Sperry Office as a German company so that the German Navy could do direct purchases of computer hardware, software, and services, thereby avoiding the intricacies of Foreign Military Sales (FMS). Reference <u>https://vipclubmn.org/Internationa</u> <u>1.html#BadGodesberg</u>. After several years there, he transferred back to the states to serve as comptroller of the Sperry Airlines Division, which provided hardware, software, and services for the Airlines Reservations and Air Cargo systems.

Submitted by LABenson

CHECK THIS OUT

Grace Hopper Lecture

Thanks to an e-mail from Mike Adelman via Paul Dickson, we became aware of the availability of Grace Hopper's famous 1982 lecture on *"Future Possibilities: Data, Hardware, Software, and People,"* released by the National Security Agency (NSA) on YouTube (<u>NSA</u> <u>Release Hopper 1982 Lecture Future Possibilities</u>).

Hopper discussed in the internal NSA lecture some of the potential future challenges of protecting information, technical aspects of computing, and her visionary ideas on the future of technology and its applications in various fields. She also provided valuable insight on leadership and her experiences breaking barriers in the computer science and mathematics fields.

Rear Admiral Hopper was a pioneer of computer programming. She was the first to devise the theory of machine-independent programming languages; the FLOW-MATIC programming language she created using this theory was later extended to create COBOL, an early high-level programming language still in use today.

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, <u>Grave Situation</u>

Walter Ralph Burdick – Age 87, died June 28, 2023 in Glen Mills, PA. Walter graduated from Penn State-Scranton, started his professional career at Dupont, and spent the majority of his career working for Sperry UNIVAC/ Unisys, where he traveled around the world, often accompanied by his wife, the late

Carole B. Burdick. Walt retired in 2000 as a Unisys marketing executive. In Glen Mills, Walt joined his senior living board, and worked to bring the live stream Sunday worship from his church to the community. Walt is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

Captain Duane Arlo Cox, Retired – Age 88, U.S.



Navy Veteran of Eden Prairie, MN, was surrounded by family and friends before making his way to his heavenly home May 24, 2024. Duane attended St. Cloud Teachers College (St. Cloud State University), and joined the Navy as a Naval

Aviation Cadet. He graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California; The Defense University at Fort McNair, National Washington, D.C.; and the Monterey, California Naval Aviation Safety School. Duane was a very decorated Naval Officer, serving 29 years, qualified in 16 different types of naval aircraft, with total flight time in excess of 6000 hours. He specialized in photo reconnaissance, anti-submarine warfare. intelligence. personal management, and systems acquisition management. Duane's military honors include the Legion of Merit with a Gold Star signifying a second award, Meritorious Service Medal, air medals in numerous combat, and Cold War medals and ribbons. Married to the love of his life, Carole Zimmer, for 65 years, their family had many Navy life adventures living in various states. When home from deployments, Duane coached Little League baseball, attended school functions, and enjoyed family trips and Sunday drives following church. Duane retired from the Navy in 1985 after which he worked in the Sperry/Unisys, Eagan, Washington, D.C. office, followed by serving as the chief executive officer and chairman of the board for a defense contractor, Planning Systems Inc. (PSI). He then formed and worked with 501C3 nonprofit organizations in addition to serving on many boards, then became the CEO/chairman of Victory systems, a corporation that designed and built a prototype helicopter for commercial and military UAV markets. Upon retirement in 2000, Duane and Carole moved to Eden Prairie to be closer to family and spend time with his grandchildren, playing Santa and making grandpa specials (ice cream sundaes). He loved his flyin Canadian fishing trips and annual Ely deer hunts with extended family, and enjoyed following his MN sports teams. Duane is preceded in death by a son, brothers, and sister-in-law. He is survived by his caring, loving, compassionate, and honorable wife, Carole, a daughter, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and other family. A Celebration of Life ceremony followed by a committal ceremony with military honors were held at Fort Snelling.

See Duane's military career info at <u>https://www.edenprairie.org/amenities/veterans-</u> <u>memorial/veterans-wall/captain-duane-cox</u> and his full obituary at <u>https://www.washburn-</u> <u>mcreavy.com/obituaries/Duane-Cox-7/#!/Obituary.</u> Brian S. Eckstein - Age 66 of Burnsville, MN passed



away July 3, 2024 after battling brain cancer for 18 months. Brian graduated from Moorhead State University and became a Lockheed Martin, Eagan, program manager for over 30 years, which allowed Brian, who loved taking

on the role of "Papa," to share his love for aviation with his grandchildren. Brian is survived by his spouse, Hillary Fobes, two children, three grandchildren, and his brothers.

Carl Arthur "Boots" Johnson – Age 93 passed away peacefully June 8, 2024. Carl/Boots was an honors graduate of the U of MN, and enjoyed a long and successful career with Sperry



Rand/UNIVAC in roles ranging from engineering, development, and supervisory leadership. A VIP Club member, after retirement, he turned a home remodeling project into a successful small business. For many years, JDA Ceilings created and sold environmentally friendly reproduction drop tin ceiling tiles. A lifelong musician, Boots played accordion gigs for 72 years throughout the Twin Cities, including appearing in the film Grumpier Old Men, and in a Minnesota Vikings half-time show. Boots, a man of quiet but deep faith, gently and faithfully led by example as he served his family and his community in multiple roles with various organizations. Boots and his wife of 69 years and best friend, Janice Quick, were blessed to travel extensively over the years, including many trips to visit family, winters in Florida, and a bucket list trip to Sweden. Carl is survived Janice, 4 boys, 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and numerous friends and extended family members. Howard 'Jay' Jones, Jr. - Age 81 of Prior Lake, MN



passed away peacefully July 16, 2024. Jay graduated from Mercersburg Academy and Gannon University in Pennsylvania. He was a successful businessman who traveled the world, improving the companies he worked for and his teammates because of his

expertise and leadership. During his career, he worked in the defense sector for IBM, Unisys, Lockheed Martin, and BAE. Jay and his wife, Pat, moved to Minnesota in 1988 when Jay was hired as vice president of Marketing for Unisys Electronic and Information Systems Group (EISG) in Eagan. After retiring, Jay started a home health nursing company, Superior Home Care Nursing in Lakeville. Jay also served as President of the Home Care Association of Minnesota. Jay will be remembered for the sharp mind and calm demeanor he brought to all life's challenges; his disciplined approach to life made him a great role model for friends and family. His enthusiastic pursuit of sailing, ham radio, flying, and other hobbies inspired many to join him. Jay is preceded in death by a grandson and brother, and is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Pat, 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Michael Francis Kelleher – Age 89, of Burnsville, MN



passed away at home August 2, 2024. Michael attended one year of college prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army; following his service time, Mike graduated with an electronic engineering degree from Indiana

Technical College. Mike, a member of the VIP Club, worked in the computer industry from graduation until his retirement. Time spent at the family cabin on Caribou Lake in Lutsen, MN was wonderful. He also enjoyed skiing, snowmobiling, reading, watching action movies, and visiting casinos. Surviving Mike is his wife of 65 vears, Ethel (McCormick) Kelleher, two sons, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and other family and special friends.

Janet (Rongstad) Krocheski – Age 82, of Burnsville, MN died peacefully July 21, 2024 after battling cancer. Janet was the wife of long-time Lockheed Martin employee, Tom Krocheski. Jan,



a charter member with Tom at Mary Mother of the Church, retired after working almost 30 years for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Jan was preceded in death by Tom, her loving husband of 60 years, and a daughter. Jan is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren, and nieces, nephews and friends.

Larry J. Lulf – Age 79 of Lakeville, MN passed away



July 4, 2024. After serving four years in the Air Force, Larry worked at Honeywell, EMR, and Sperry UNIVAC in the computer field. He was very active in the community as part of the American Legion, Lakeville Sno Trackers, Yellow

Ribbon, Lakeville Park and Recreation, All Saints Catholic Church, and the Old Flames Car Club. Larry enjoyed time with family and friends, snowmobiling, motorcycling, restoring his 1967 El Camino, and attending numerous classic car shows. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Joan, and is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and other family.

Hazel Adele (Colton) Raasch - Age 80, of Farmington,



MN passed away June 23, 2024 following a lengthy and brave battle with breast cancer. Upon graduating from the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis, Hazel was employed as a secretary in the Foshay Tower in Minneapolis, worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company as an information operator, and then went on to work for Sperry UNIVAC (Lockheed Martin) until she retired. After retirement, she volunteered at Ebenezer Ridges Care Center in the gift shop. Hazel loved spending time with her grandchildren, never missing a sporting event or other activities. She easily made lifelong friends, and loved family gatherings, traveling, gardening, feeding the birds, and reading. Hazel is survived by two children, two grandchildren,

and other family, friends, and neighbors. Louis Joseph Seidl – Age 88, of Plantation, FL passed away March 29, 2024. Louis served in the U.S. Air Force and had a career in the aviation field working as a contracts manager. He was proud of the



time he spent working for UNIVAC→Lockheed Martin, and very proud to be a part of the VIP Club. A coworker remembers him as a very nice friendly guy, hard worker, and very good at his profession in Contracts. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a friend to all who met him. Louis is preceded in death by two sons, and is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Diana (Mercil) Seidl, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Marion Mae Soule (Enzi) – Age 83, died July 11, 2024



in Apple Valley, MN. Marion, the wife of employee Roger Soule, went to Yankton College and received a degree in music with specialty in Organ performance. Marion taught piano to hundreds of students until retiring. She was also a

church organist and loved practicing and performing special songs for her church family. Marion is preceded in death by a granddaughter and many extended family members, and is survived by her husband, Roger, 3 children, 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a soon-to-be-born baby boy.

Friend Remembrance

Sent by Capt. Donald Leichtweis, Ret. USN:



William C. O'Sullivan of Rockville, MD passed away April 18, 2024. William received a B.S. in Physics from Boston College, and served in the U.S. Navy. Post-active service, William served over two decades for the Navy as a civilian at Naval Sea Systems Command and was an integral part of the NTDS team.

Over the decades, many UNIVAC/Unisys engineers and program managers interacted with him on a variety of NTDS hardware and systems contracts. In his free time, William enjoyed perfecting his model airplanes, spending time with his children and grandchildren, and traveling with his wife, Eleanor. William was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor Lee O'Sullivan, and is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

Late Remembrances

Steven E. Cushing – Age 66, passed away December 23, 2014. A retired Lockheed Martin employee, he was survived by two siblings.

Jack L. Peterson – Age 90, of St. Paul, MN, passed away at home in hospice care November 14, 2017. Jack was a security guard in Unisys, Roseville, and was remembered fondly as one of the smiling



faces that welcomed employees to work every day. He was the epitome of what the Unisys 'family' was. Jack was preceded in death by his loving wife of 71 years, Muriel, and was survived by four children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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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 ٠ 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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