



## James Sanson Strawn III

June 6, 1933 - April 12, 2022

James Sanson Strawn III, second child of Zona Owen and James Sanson Strawn II, was born on June 6th, 1933 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. James passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in Tyler.

James was raised in the Linwood area of Minneapolis and graduated from Edina High School in 1951. He was drafted and served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956.

James was married to Blythe Ann Johnson in November of 1959. Together they raised four children.

James graduated from Macalester College in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Education. He later received a master's degree from Moorhead State College in 1964, majoring in History.

James began his teaching career in Willow River in 1959. He also taught at the campus school at Moorhead State and later moved to Janesville, Wisconsin where he retired from Craig High School in 1995.

In 1976, seeking help for one of his sons, James was introduced to the Orton-Gillingham approach for teaching reading to dyslexic students. For the next 20 years he tutored children and adults and trained other teachers. He was active

in both the Wisconsin and International Associations and helped the Scottish Rite Masons of Wisconsin establish tutorial services for dyslexic students. James was a Master Mason, and a fellow emeritus of the Mason's Orton Academy.

James and Blythe retired in 1995 and became snowbirds summering in Coloma, Wisconsin and wintering in Lakeland, Florida. Blythe passed in Florida in 2009, and shortly after James moved to Tyler, Texas to be near his children and grandchildren in Texas and Kansas. He was a member of Bethel Bible Church in Tyler.

James was preceded in death by his sister, Anne Anfinson. He is survived by his children: James (Barbara) Strawn, Owen (Lori) Strawn, Paul Strawn, and Elizabeth (Brian) Feiden; and his grandchildren: Alexandra Strawn, Christina (Hayden) Coons, Gwentyth (Conner) Adams and Cole Feiden; as well as his brother, Hugh Strawn.

James will be interred with Blythe and his maternal ancestors at the Trenton Cemetery in Hager City, Wisconsin – on the banks of the Mississippi River.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Strawn was a great teacher at Craig. He could be counted on for his integrity and his sense of humor.*

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**Christine Hughes** - April 29, 2022 at 08:11 PM

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“ *My favorite teacher who always made class a fun and current event. I'll miss his political satire and old movie reviews the most since becoming Facebook friends these many years later. His family should know that he made his mark on his student's lives and we will always remember him with much fondness.*

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**Marilyn Demrow** - April 15, 2022 at 08:43 AM