

**Jess Dan LeMahieu (75)** passed away suddenly at home with his wife at his side on the evening of October 2nd, 2016, in Apache Junction, AZ.

Born on August 14, 1941 in Plymouth, WI to the late Edward and Edna (Kaufmann) LeMahieu, Jess graduated from Plymouth High School in 1959 and was confirmed at Salem UCC. He married Anette (Hoffmann) at Redeemer Lutheran Church on October 20, 1962. While Jess and Anette lived in the Plymouth area their entire married life, they traveled to 49 of the 50 states, 5 European countries, Canada, Mexico and a Caribbean cruise. They also enjoyed winters in AZ since 2003 and moved full-time to Apache Junction in October 2015.

After graduation, Jess worked the summer at Stokely Canning Co., and in the Fall, started work at Kohler Co., on a parts assembly line. In 1966 he started work at Donahue & Associates in the survey department. In 1970, he began a career by joining several Donahue employees who founded Aero-Metric Engineering, an aerial mapping company. Jess initiated and led the company's computer operations department, and assumed additional roles in project estimating, aerial mapping sales, and contract administration. Jess shared in Aero-Metric ownership and retired in 2003 after 38 years - though continued to work part-time for 3 years as a contract employee.

Faith and family were very important to Jess. As a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church since 1963, Jess became a charter member when it re-chartered in 1970, and went on to serve on the church council and other committees for many years. Jess and Anette enjoyed many years of making memories with their children and grandchildren, including camping, and traveling to them to share in special moments and milestones. Jess was immensely proud of his son and daughter, his five grandsons, and the family's cherished pets, Blackie, Angel, Nala, and Meggie.

While Jess was certainly known for his love of family, he also enjoyed many interests and abilities. In fact, Jess could fix anything! He and Anette enjoyed landscaping and remodeling their homes. He was a major contributor to the design of their dream home in the country and enjoyed the "view" overlooking Plymouth. Cooking, "frying out" and making fancy hors d'oeuvres were Jess's forte. He also had a natural ability to crack jokes, even with complete strangers, which would elicit a chuckle and warm response 100% of the time. Jess loved deeply, was much loved and will be missed by many. Jess was also an organ donor and two others will now benefit from his perfect eyesight.

Preceded in death by his parents Edward and Edna; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Walter and Mabel Hoffmann; sisters-in-law, Bethel Green and Lois Reitbrock, and Lois's infant son. Jess is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 53 years, Anette; one son, Edward LeMahieu of Santa Monica, CA; one daughter, Wendy (David) Vaughan, Sammamish, WA; five grandsons, Colin LeMahieu of Austin, TX, Brett LeMahieu, of Santa Monica, CA, Wesley LeMahieu, of Las Vegas, NV, Jordan and Colin Vaughan of Sammamish, WA; one brother, Jim (Karen) LeMahieu of Plymouth, WI; brothers-in-law Vern Rietbrock and Bob Green; nieces, Kim Rietbrock and Teri Rietbrock; nephews, Larry (Marsha) Green, Ted Green, and godson, Rick Rietbrock (Kim); Godmother and Aunt Geraldine (LeMahieu) Sramek, Aunt Jeanne (Carl) LeMahieu, and other cousins and friends.

Jess requested and has been cremated. However, a "Celebration of Life" for Jess will be held on Saturday November 5th, 2016 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1808 Eastern Ave. Plymouth WI. Visitation will begin at 12:30 pm, followed by a short Service at 1:30 pm, with Refreshments following. Jess will then be interred in a private ceremony at a family gravesite at Woodlawn Cemetery, Plymouth WI.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, and as a memorial of his passing, donations can be made to a Charity Jess was keenly interested in, aHAND4Life! This US Public Charity (US501c3) founded by Jess's son Edward, and his grandson Brett, to provide essential supports for semi-independent living for People with a Chronic, Significant Physical Disability. Convenient and secure donations may be made and are preferred online at [www.ahand4life.org](http://www.ahand4life.org). Or, checks may be made Payable to: "aHAND4Life! Inc." and provided directly to Anette LeMahieu.