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**Jensen, Robert C. "Bob"**



83, of Rosemount, formerly of Lakeville, died Nov. 27th surrounded in prayer at The Lodge hospice in Burnsville following his battle with co-

lon cancer. Known for his dedication to community, Bob served the greater Lakeville area as Lakeville mayor, Dakota County Commissioner, and in the State of Minnesota House of Representatives. His leadership delivered infrastructure and park development during the rapid growth of the area from the 1960's to the 1990's. Bob was born to Axel and Alma Jensen on October 29, 1928 in Minneapolis. He was raised on a farm south of Buck Hill Ski area, formerly the site of Jackson Landscape Supply, Inc. Bob attended Orchard Lake School and married Bernice Pahl on September 21, 1948. In 1949, they started their family and began dairy farming in New Market. In 1957, they moved to Lakeville, built a large family farm and Bob became involved in local government. In 2001, they moved to Rosemount and began enjoying winters in Arizona. Bob was also active in the Optimist club, the Lions club, and the Knights of Columbus. Bob was preceded in death by his parents Axel and Alma and his son, Bernard. He is survived by his lovely wife of 63 years, Bernice and his children, Jane (Kirby) Smith, Ken (Patti) Jensen, Doris (Steve) Wilson, Beverly (Bruce) Rydeen, Jerry Jensen, Sarah (Jack) Matasosky, Mary (Gary) Morgan, Willy Jensen (special friend Ina Newton) Tom (Lori) Jensen, Kate (Eric) Herness along with 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his close brothers Jim (Arlene) Jensen, Vernon (Tonete) Jensen and sister, Camilla (Stanton) Lilly. Memorials will be shared among Bob's favorite civic favorites, including Lakeville Parks. Memorial Mass will be 11 AM, Monday, Dec. 5th at Church of St. Joseph, 13900 Biscayne Ave., Rosemount with visitation Sunday, Dec 4. from 2-6pm, White Funeral Home, 20134 Kenwood Trail, Lakeville and 1 hour prior to Mass at church.

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