

James Frank Kasik (1935 – 2026)

James Kasik, known to family and friends as Jim or Skip, was born on November 21, 1935, in Cook County, Illinois, to James J. Kasik and Libuse Barbara Brouk Kasik. He grew up in the greater Chicago area and graduated from Purdue University in 1957 with a degree in electrical engineering. He served in the U.S. Army as a first and second lieutenant, stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico. Jim later held positions in industry with Motorola, Collins Radio, and COMSAT World Systems.

Jim married Carole Ann Bouwman on December 21, 1963, beginning a loving marriage that lasted 60 years until her death on March 4, 2024. He passed away on July 27, 2026, in Alexandria, Virginia, where he and Carole had made their home for many years.

Jim always knew his roots were in Bohemia, in the Czech Republic. He loved Czech food and music, and he worked hard to navigate the language's challenges. Later in life, his connection to the Czech Republic deepened through travel. He visited the Bohemian village where his grandfather was born and came to know the Kasik relatives who still live there. Jim also enjoyed model railroading and was active in clubs where he helped build layouts for displaying and operating his models. His greatest joy was the garden railroad he built in his backyard, which he operated for the enjoyment of neighborhood children. Raised in a family dedicated to music, he joined bands and played the trombone, an instrument shared by many members of the Kasik family.

He is survived by his two daughters, Emily Ann Kasik Robson and Lynda Beth Kasik; his son-in-law, Bruce Robson; and his two granddaughters, Jessica K. Robson and Anna L. Robson.



Jim & Carole Kasik celebrating their marriage.