



## James F. Stokes

December 23, 1932 - March 1, 2018

James Forsman Stokes, 85, of Lake Forest, died peacefully March 1, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Mary Nelson Stokes; Loving father of Kathy (Paul) Moore, Lisa (Jay) Siefried, James (Mary) Stokes, Sheila (John) Kringel, Mary Beth (Johnathan) Griffis, Kyle (Bennett Lieberman) Stokes, Karen Cummings; Proud Grandfather of Ryan (Beth), Ashley, and J.B. (Carlene) Moore; Kevin, Wallis, and Drew Higley; Wes and Ian Stokes; Kelsey, Jackson, and Dana Kringel; Carly and Nina Griffis; Oskar Lieberman; Wyatt, Tesslina and Brooke Cummings and Great Grandchildren; Grady and Harlan Moore and the caboose Willow Raine Moore. Brother of Laura Stokes and the late Michael Stokes.

He was born December 23, 1932 to Edward and Laura Stokes in Chicago. A man of strong faith and a life long friend of the Jesuits. He joined Nicolson, Porter & List as a Principal in 1967. He began his career in the industrial real estate field in 1956. He attended John Carroll University and attended the School of Law at Northwestern University. He is a member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) being a Past President of their Chicago Chapter and having served on their National Board of Directors for three years. He is also a member of the Counselors of Real Estate (CRE), Lambda Alpha International and the National Association of Realtors (NAR). He was a long time member of the Chicago Club and 1871 Room. He served his community on the the Lake Forest Planning Commission.

He built a small dynasty, provided undue support and wisdom to his family, but

also had many passions. Music was all important in his life. He had a deep attachment to the arts and shared his enthusiasm with everyone. He relished many fishing trips over the years with his buddies and yearly ski trips with families and friends. He finally developed a joy for the frustration, fun and camaraderie of golf.

Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the Church of St. Mary Catholic Church, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest. No Visitation. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, Illinois.

For service information: Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com) or (847) 234-9649.

To honor his memory and in lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to go to Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge Road, Chicago, IL 60660. [Misericordia.com](http://Misericordia.com) (giving).

## Cemetery Details

### Calvary Cemetery

Evanston, IL

## Previous Events

### Funeral Mass

MAR 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary  
175 E. Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To Aunt Mary and family,*

*My deepest condolences for the loss of your husband and your dad...I have many great memories of hanging out at the Stokes house growing up and your dad was always so nice to me. A big hug to all of you. In my thoughts and prayers. A special hello to Jimmy and Shiela.*

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