



## Darvin S. Dahlke

June 4, 1935 - January 25, 2026

Darvin S. Dahlke, 90 year old resident of Hillman, MN, passed away on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at the Mille Lacs Healthsystem in Onamia, MN. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, February 5, 2026, with visitation starting at 9:30 AM at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillman, MN. Burial will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Military Honors will be provided by Hillman American Legion Post #602. Caring for Darwin and his family is LeMieur Funeral Home in Pierz, MN

Darvin Dahlke, was born June 4, 1935, in New Auburn, MN. He left behind a legacy defined by faith, service, and unwavering devotion to family and community. Darwin grew up with strong values of hard work and responsibility, which he carried throughout his life. At the age of 11, Darwin moved with his family to Hillman, MN where his parents had purchased a dairy farm. He attended Milaca High School and later proudly served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1957, stationed in Germany. His years of military service reflected his deep sense of duty and commitment to his country. Following his service, he attended Minnesota School of Business and then Darwin began a 35 year career at C.H. Robinson, where he held many roles, including Vice President and Treasurer. It was there that he met his future wife, Janet, who worked as his file clerk/bookkeeper. Their playful courtship included charming Janet by Darwin tossing paper clips to get her attention. This eventually blossomed into a loving marriage in 1963. Together, they built a partnership

marked by warmth, humor, and steadfast support. Darvin and Janet raised three children: Pamela, Rita, and Carmen. They were the center of his world. He cherished time spent with family and friends and found his greatest joy in the simple moments of togetherness. A man of deep faith, Darvin was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and a strong supporter of the Lutheran Seminary. His faith guided his values and inspired his dedication to serving others. Darvin's commitment to service extended into the community as well. He was a member of the Eden Prairie Lions Club, and after retirement and moving to Hillman, he founded the Richardson Lions Club, serving as its Secretary and offering his leadership to improve the lives of others. He was also a proud member of the Hillman American Legion Post 602, continuing his lifelong dedication to honoring veterans and supporting his community. After retiring early, Darvin and Janet made their home on Lake Sullivan in the Hillman area, embracing the beauty of the outdoors and enjoyed many fabulous trips together. Darvin was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. During the winter months, he and Janet spent time in Gold Canyon, Arizona. They welcomed family and friends with warmth, laughter, and hospitality into both their homes. He loved to challenge friends to a hand of cribbage – his favorite game that he played until his last days. Darvin will be remembered for his kindness, storytelling, strong sense of responsibility, unwavering faith, humor, and profound love for his family and community. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched and he will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; his children, Pamela Dahlke, Rita (Jeff) Ruprecht, and Carmen (Monte) Goelz; his grandchildren, Tanner Ruprecht, Casey (Adam) Hippe, Torrey, and AJ Goelz; his great-grandchild, Kylar Hippe, who always brought a smile to his face; sister-in-law, Clarice Dahlke, brother-in-law Norman Zabloski and many extended family members and dear friends.

Meeting Darwin in heaven, preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Selma Dahlke, and his siblings, Ethel (Fredrick) Bauer, Earl (Janice) Dahlke, Kermit Dahlke, and Helen Zabloski.

# Cemetery Details

## Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery

16328 370th Ave  
Hillman, MN 56338

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hillman, MN  
36055 213th St  
Hillman, MN 56338

## Memorial Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Darwin S. Dahlke*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - February 02 at 02:26 PM

GH

*A beautiful tribute to a life well lived. Rest in peace dear Dar.*

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**Gloria Holm** - February 03 at 07:43 PM

RL

“ *Once upon a time, I went fishing with Darwin in Minnesota at one of the manager's meetings. As usual he was catching all kinds of fish. I wasn't catching anything so I suggested that we switch sides because he was pouring them in one after the other. So we switch sides and first thing I knew he had another fish on his line. I remember him saying, "Rog would you like to take this one in because I'm tired?" We both laughed so hard. We took them back to the hotel and they cooked them up for us.*

*He was good man,  
Roger Lowe  
Manager of Salt Lake City*

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**Roger Lowe** - February 11 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ Janet and family my deepest condolences,.  
I enjoyed seeing and talking with him at the Lake.  
Thoughts and Prayers from your lake neighbors  
Karen, Heather and Hannah

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**Karen Barclay** - February 09 at 06:04 PM



“ Dearest Jan and Family,

Deepest condolences from all of us at the  
O'Bryan cabin on Lake Sullivan.

Prayers for your peace and comfort,

Sue, Derek, Tracy and Scott.

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**Susie O'Bryan** - February 07 at 12:26 PM



WF

“ With love from your Gopher family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Darvin S. Dahlke.

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**With love from your Gopher family** - February 03 at 04:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased  
for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.



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February 03 at 04:57 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



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February 03 at 08:16 AM



“ *Jessie and Mary Halter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darvin S. Dahlke.*

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**Jessie and Mary Halter** - February 03 at 08:16 AM



“ *Dan & Jodi Keehr and Kay & Carol Keehr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



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**Dan & Jodi Keehr and Kay & Carol Keehr** - February 02 at 08:53 PM



“ *Matt and Tracy Crumpton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*

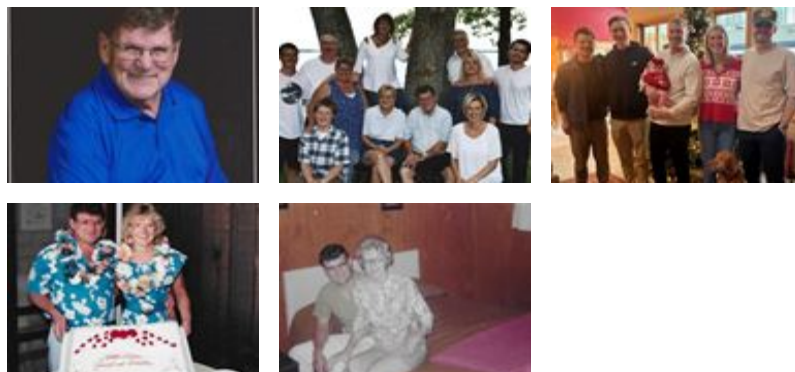


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**Matt and Tracy Crumpton** - February 02 at 03:55 PM



“ 210 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - February 02 at 01:19 PM

ML

“ *Myrl, Catherine, Roxanne, and Lynn purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



**Myrl, Catherine, Roxanne, and Lynn** - February 02 at 12:20 PM

VF

“ *Vince, Pam and the Immordino Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darvin S. Dahlke.*

**Vince, Pam and the Immordino Family** - February 02 at 03:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



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February 02 at 03:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



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February 01 at 04:20 PM



“ *Alan & Gloria and family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.*



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**Alan & Gloria and family** - February 01 at 03:28 PM



“ *I remember Darwin for his humor. One time when playing golf, when at the Tee box, his first shot went straight to the right of us. His second shot went straight to the left. His 3rd shot went down the middle about 50 yards. He pulled out his billfold and looked at his drivers license. He said, I had to look to see if it was me. Great memory. Roger Renstrom*

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**Roger Renstrom** - February 01 at 03:13 PM

LF

“ Love Scott Kaehler & Family! purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.



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Love Scott Kaehler & Family! - January 31 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ Love Scott Kaehler & Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darvin S. Dahlke.

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Love Scott Kaehler & Family! - January 31 at 10:14 AM

LT

“ Lynn Thielbar lit a candle in memory of Darvin S. Dahlke



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Lynn Thielbar - January 30 at 04:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.



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January 30 at 03:58 PM

GF

“ Gregg and Diane Thomas and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Darvin S. Dahlke.



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**Gregg and Diane Thomas and family** - January 29 at 12:44 PM



“ Tammy Casey lit a candle in memory of Darvin S. Dahlke



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**Tammy Casey** - January 29 at 02:57 AM

ES

“ Jan and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will treasure our memories of Dar. Eleanor Starr & family



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**Eleanor Starr** - January 26 at 04:49 PM