



David Merlin Ahlgren

May 5, 1951 - July 28, 2017

David Merlin Ahlgren, age 66, of Darwin, died Friday, July 28, 2017, in rural Darwin. A funeral service will be held at 11am on Friday, August 4, 2017, at the Church of Christ in Dassel with Pastor Ronald Ahlgren officiating. The interment will be held at the Dassel Community Cemetery following the service.

There will be a visitation from 5pm to 8pm on Thursday evening at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

David Merlin Ahlgren, the son of Stanley and Lucille (Radunz) Ahlgren was born on May 5, 1951, at the Meeker County Memorial Hospital in Litchfield, Minnesota. David grew up on the family farm helping with chores and the field work. He attended country school district #1093, before attending Dassel High School where he graduated in 1969. As a teenager, David was baptized at the Church of Christ in Litchfield and has been a faithful member of the Church of Christ in Dassel for nearly 44 years.

On September 1, 1973, David was united in marriage to Mary Hellwig at the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Ellsworth Township in Meeker County, Minnesota. Together they made their home just down the road from the Ahlgren family home place. He knew he wanted to farm at a very young age.

He started to raise chickens and later took care of his brother's pigs. His hobbies then turned to tropical fish and eventually to raising turkeys, waterfowl, ducks, geese and swans, selling at game shows and to taxidermists. He shared his passion for farming with his kids and grandkids. He loved tiling, fencing, bulldozing, excavating, clearing land, burning brush, killing weeds and cutting hay. He had an aversion to trees...always clearing them to make more farmland. He enjoyed collecting antique tractors, as well as model replicas. He was very strong in his faith and wasn't afraid to share it with others. "Are you right with the Lord?" was a phrase taken from his mother that he used often. David served on the church board and as a Sunday School teacher. He loved God and his family, and would often sneak away to share his Schwan's ice cream and candy with his grandchildren. David was known for providing comic relief to those that he was around. He had an innate ability to ask deeply personal questions to people and get them to open up to him.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ahlgren of Darwin, his children, Heidi (Darrel) Tarning of Darwin, Holly (Paul) Niedzielski of South Haven, Heather (Aaron) Hobert of Cokato, and Rick (Sarah) Ahlgren of Darwin, 16 grandchildren, siblings, Joanne (Ron) West of Joplin, Missouri, Richard (Jeanne) Ahlgren of Plymouth, Ronald (Barb) Ahlgren of Holton, Kansas, Robert (Connie) Ahlgren of Dassel, Steve (Pam) Ahlgren of Darwin, and Galen (Susan) Ahlgren of Darwin.

He was preceded in death by his infant son, Zachary and his parents, Stanley and Lucille Ahlgren. He will be deeply missed by all of those who knew and loved him.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dave was a shining light for Christ, always quick with a joke, kind to others, hard working, & so much more. He seemed to be bursting with energy, life, love, faith & mischief. He will be greatly missed. God be with you Mary, & all of the family as you adjust to life without him.

Melody Schott - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

LS

“ Keep sharing your memories Keep traditions strong Hugs and prayers

Lori Swift - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

MM

“ Our hearts are broken for your family. I know you all have many wonderful memories, and I pray that those will bring you much joy in the days, months, and years ahead. I am praying for God's comfort, and peace for you all. Love, The Massingills (Mark, Laura, Dixon, Andrew, Sarah Kate, and Bennett)

Mark, Laura, Dixon, Andrew, Sarah Kate, and Bennett Massingill - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

AM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Dave was a great guy and will be greatly missed. Love to you all.

Angela Merges - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

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“ You have my deepest sympathy over the loss of David last Friday July 28, 2017. He is at home now with his Lord and also young son Zachary. God Bless You Sorry I can't attend his funeral. Sincerely yours Cousin Alfred William Sommerfeld

Alfred Sommerfeld - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

CR

“ My thoughts and prayers go to all of the Ahlgren Family in your loss. Words can not fill the void, but hope your happy memories can.

colleen riley - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

JB

“ Dave was a mentor to me and like a dad. I learned a lot about Jesus and faith from him. I will miss him a lot but know someday I will see him again. He was a great individual and I owe a lot of who I am today because of him. See you again friend.

Josh Bullivant - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

SF

“ My deepest sympathies to the Ahlgren family. I did not know David. I know Holly and Paul. Holly was my daughters care giver. I came to love Holly. She showed our daughter total love and made her so happy. Holly shared her love for God also. The love her father taught her. I know Davis was a wonderful person because of how his children turned out. God Bless.

Shelly Fruth - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. Dave was always so kind and friendly and Mr favorite Sunday school teacher. I still hold a pencil like he showed us one day. I hope that all the best memories allow him to live in your hearts and minds- filling the huge hole in your hearts. Bless all of you.

Nichole Kruse (Glenna) - May 03, 2018 at 05:48 PM