

Charles Paul Dahl (Charlie), age 85, of Fargo, ND, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2025, at St. Catherine's nursing home in Fargo, ND.

Charlie was born on October 23, 1939, in Benson, MN, to Christine and Wilmer Dahl. Following the early loss of his mother, he was lovingly raised by his aunt and uncle, Margaret and Paul Dahl, in Willmar, Minnesota, where he spent his school years.

At the young age of 17, Charlie joined the United States Army in 1956. He proudly served his country and was later honorably discharged. In 1960, he married the love of his life, Joanne Nelson, and together they built a life centered on family, hard work, and shared adventure.

Charlie was a passionate outdoorsman who found joy and peace in hunting and fishing. His happiest days were often spent in the field, on the water, and around the campfire with his sons, grandsons, and lifelong friends.

A dedicated businessman and skilled mechanic, Charlie opened A1 Forklift in 1978 in Fargo, ND, operating for over 20 years and earning a reputation for reliability and integrity.

Above all, Charlie was devoted to his family. He and Joanne raised four children, including their daughter Jennifer, who preceded him in death. He is survived by three sons:

- Dennis Dahl (Vaniese) of West Fargo, ND, and their children, Staci (with partner, Ryan) and Ryan (Jennifer).
- Steve Dahl (Cheryl) of Sturgis, SD, and their children Christian (Sam) and granddaughter Esper, and Jacob (Melissa).
- Michael Dahl of Horace, ND, and his children Zachary (Alyssia) and granddaughter Hayden; Brandi and grandson Aiden; and Brody. Their mother, Karen Nitschke, also remains a cherished part of the family.

He enjoyed every moment spent with his family creating memories they will hold close for a lifetime.

Charlie was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Jennifer; his parents, Christine and Bill Dahl; his adoptive parents, Margaret and Paul Dahl; his dear friends and sister- and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Charles Geer.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 65 years, Joanne, his sons and their families, and all who knew and loved him.

Charlie's legacy of love, strength, and quiet humor will live on in the hearts of those he leaves behind.

In Loving Memory



Charles Paul Dahl

October 23, 1939 - October 21, 2025

Remember Me

To the living, I am gone.

To the sorrowful, I will never return.

To the angry, I was cheated.

But to the happy, I am at peace.

And to the faithful, I have never left.

So as you stand upon a shore gazing at a beautiful sea -

Remember me.

As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty -

Remember me.

As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity -

Remember me.

Remember me in your heart:

Your thoughts, and your memories, of the times we loved,

The times we cried,

The times we fought,

The times we laughed.

For if you always think of me,

I will never be gone. -

~ Margaret Mead



Memorial Service

Friday, November 14, 2025 - 1:00 PM

Maple Sheyenne Lutheran Church

Harwood, North Dakota

Officiant

Rev. Timothy Stoa

Congregational Hymns

Donna Linnertz, *Organist*

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace”

Special Music

Shelly Gomph, *Soloist*

“Far Side Banks of Jordan”

Recorded Music

“Number to Heaven” - Justin Champagne

“I Wish Grandpas Never Died” - Riley Green

“The Boat” - Sammy Arriaga

Military Honors

Fargo National Honor Guard

Interment

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 1:00 PM

Fargo National Cemetery

Harwood, North Dakota

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.