

In Loving Memory



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American Diabetes Association.*

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Darwin J. Zirpel

September 20, 1963 - January 16, 2025

In Loving Memory
Darwin J. Zirpel
1963 - 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 9, 2025
Faith Lutheran Church
Parkston, South Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. David N. Zirpel

MUSIC

Renae Kleinsasser ~ organist

Just as I Am

How Great Thou Art

Nearer My God to Thee

INURNMENT

12:00 p.m.

Protestant Cemetery
Parkston, South Dakota

MILITARY RITES

SD Army National Guard
&
Parkston VFW Post 3298

Darwin was born on September 20, 1963, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. He was adopted by Erwin and Olinda Zirpel on January 30, 1964. Darwin was baptized on February 4, 1964, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell and was confirmed at Immanuel, Dimock on May 15, 1977. His confirmation verse was John 11:25-6. He grew up on the family farm west of Parkston. During the summer Darwin enjoyed playing baseball for the Immanuel Lutheran team as well as volleyball with the youth group. He attended K-1 grades at Washington Country School. He then attended grades 2-12 in Parkston. In high school Darwin was a member of the wrestling team, and he enjoyed singing and was in various choral groups. He graduated high school in 1981. Darwin then attended Mitchell Vo-Tech, studying electrical engineering. He then enlisted in the Army National Guard and was honorably discharged on October 3, 1986. Darwin then moved to Yankton where he worked for many years at Alumax MFG. He resided in Yankton the remainder of his years. His last residence was at Avera Care Center in Yankton. He passed away at Avera Heart Hospital in Sioux Falls, January 16, 2025, at the age of 61.

He is survived by his brother, John; nephew, Michael (Meghann); niece, Taryn (Quentin); aunts, Luella Zirpel, Rose Roth, Mary Mettenbrink and Rosemary Laib.

Darwin was preceded in death by his parents, Erwin and Olinda; grandparents, Fred and Emma Laib and Gottfried and Gertrude Zirpel as well as uncles and aunts: Leonard (Mary, Johnny and Lillian), Wilburt (Audrey), Elmer, Norbert (Elaine) and Harold (Virginia), Clifford Roth, Richard Mehlhaff, Harold Mettenbrink, Erwin and Leona Goehring, Arnold and Magdalena Laib, Arnold and Delores Kirchhevel and Roland Laib; cousins: Suzanna Zirpel, Carla Roth, Kathy Zirpel, Ruby Zirpel, Cindy Roth, Carol Roth, Velda Goehring, Myron Laib, and Douglas Laib.