DeWayne was born on January 11, 1944, in Montevideo, to Arthur and Lucille (Anderson) Hermanson. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyd, Minnesota.

DeWayne graduated valedictorian from Boyd High School in 1962 before attending the University of Minnesota, where he studied Mathematics and Agriculture. Following graduation, he joined the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1973. He did his pilot training in Big Spring, TX where he was first in his class to fly solo. Then, because of his high grades he was chosen to become an instructor pilot, training new pilots in San Antonio TX. After that he trained pilots to become instructor pilots in Florida.

He returned to Boyd to farm alongside his dad, Art. Shortly after returning home, he met his future wife, Karen Williamson, at Trailways Café. They were married on March 2, 1974, and raised four daughters on their farm near Boyd, where they spent their entire 50-year marriage. DeWayne and Art continued farming together for much of their lives.

DeWayne enjoyed many pastimes. He played sports in high school and continued playing men's league fastpitch softball well into his 60s. He and Karen were also enthusiastic supporters of the Dawson-Boyd Blackjacks. Music was another lifelong passion, from playing piano and trombone in his younger years to singing in the church choir and the Chord-Ayres.

DeWayne and Karen shared a love of travel. They took their daughters on road trips across the country, enjoyed group bus tours and travelled with the Chord-Ayres and their wives. They also visited their daughter Renae in Europe and Australia. Another favorite pastime was spending time at the lake, especially at their camper at Wildridge Campground on Lobster Lake.

Above all, DeWayne was a loving father and grandfather who cherished his family and the time they spent together. He spent his final days surrounded by his family at United Hospital in St. Paul.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Karen; his parents, Arthur and Lucille Hermanson; his parents-in-law, Dayton and Orel Williamson; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Carol and LeRoy Williamson; and his brother-in-law, DeWayne Williamson.

DeWayne was dearly loved by his family and all who knew him. Mourning his loss are his four daughters and their families: Celyne Hermanson and her son, Chase; Dawn (Brock) Waterbury; Andrea (Nic) Hermanson and their children, Adeline and Marvin; and Renae (Jonathon) Murray and their children, Finn and Cameron. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara (Norm) Hendrickson; sister-in-law, Toni Williamson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marie and Merril Dieken; and several nieces and nephews.



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



In Memory of

DeWayne Richard Hermanson

January 11, 1944

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September 25, 2026

Funeral Service
Trinity Lutheran Church
Boyd, MN
Friday, October 2nd, 2026
11 AM

Officiant
Pastor Bob Knutson

Organist
Mavis Hutt

Family Remembrances
Norm Hendrickson

Soloist
Bobbi Hermanson-Albers

Guitarist
Max Albers

Casketbearers

Norm Hendrickson	Tyler Hermanson
Mike Hermanson	Craig Hermanson
Trevor Hermanson	Doug Hermanson

Interment
Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery
Boyd, Minnesota

Military Honors
Marietta Honor Guard Post 156
AMVETS 151
United States Air Force Funeral Honor Guard