



Dale Robert Haaheim

July 3, 1938 - April 6, 2024

Dale Robert Haaheim (Bob) was born on July 3rd, 1938 at home on Grand Avenue, Minneapolis, to parents Evan and Gudrun Haaheim. He was raised in Minneapolis and Richfield with his brothers Roger, Gordy and Gary. His brother Gordy however died when Bob was very young of leukemia. Bob went to the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor's Degree in mathematics, later to add a Master's degree to his accomplishments. Bob was always studious and practical, having his first job as a paper boy, and working at various jobs all through college. He taught mathematics in the Minneapolis and Richfield school districts for 34 years. He joined the Air Force Reserves with his best friend, Dick Maas in 1962 and was on alert for the Cuban Missile Crisis. He lived all his life in Minnesota until the last 8 years, when he settled in Scotts Valley in the beautiful community of Montevalle.

Bob had many interests: besides teaching, he coached a Chess Group after school which he loved; he was quite the square-dancer for a time, he did some mountain climbing and repelling, but his greatest love was flying. He never got his pilot's license but whenever the opportunity came to be in the skies he was there. He parasailed in Mexico, flew an Ultra-light, enjoyed a hot air balloon ride over the St. Croix River, went soaring over the Tetons in a glider plane and at 75 did a tandem jump out of an airplane. If the opportunity had come, he definitely would have taken a rocket to outer space.

He was also a world traveler, spending time in Norway with relatives, enjoyed a trip to the Holy Lands and the Pyramids of Egypt, travelled in Greece on a

pilgrimage following Paul the Apostle. He visited cousins in Australia, loved the Magic Bus ride through New Zealand, visited China with his son Mikkel, went with International Congregational Fellowship to Brazil and Argentina and enjoyed other trips to Korea, Iceland, Ireland, England and most of Europe; and of course, visited all 50 states of the US. He loved this world that God has given to us.

He was active in church, for many years at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and most recently at Congregational Church of Soquel. And we can't forget his love of games and puzzles especially Wizard with good friends.

What gave him the most joy was his family: he married Barbara Friedel in 1961, adopting as his own her children - Bill, Debbie and Jeff. Then twin boys came along, Christopher and Gordy, who both died tragically by their 4th birthdays. Later Michael (Mikkel) would join the family. They lived in Richfield and Bloomington, enjoying many a road trip during the summer. He was widowed in 1980, when his wife died of complications from MS.

In 1996, Bob married Patricia Dando in Shakopee, Minnesota and became the father to his step-son Zachary. As his kids became adults, he was delighted to expand the family with grandchildren Stephen, Liz, Charles, Greg and David and now as they have grown into adults, he celebrates his great-grandchildren Giovanni, Anthony, Kalia, Kimora, Kai-Mei, Soriya, AJ, Dylan, Stevie Raye, Lenora and most recently little Atlas. He loved them all and spent as much time with them as he could. He will be greatly missed by everyone!!!

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Previous Events

Chapel Service

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Dale Robert Haaheim in memory of Dale Robert Haaheim



Washburn-McReavy - April 25, 2024 at 10:56 AM

GS

I have known the Haaheim's since I was a kid back in the 1950s when my family would come down from Bismarck to Minneapolis every summer. My grandfather was Arthur Brude, brother to Gudrun, Bob's mother. As an adult, I was happy to hear his voice when he called. He loved visiting my oldest sister Clare and would call ahead to schedule get togethers with the 3 of us. It was the 3 of us that got into the Brudeegget during the tall ship festival in Aalesund, Norway, 2001. 1/2 a million people watched us crawl into that historic life-raft that Ole Brude designed and sailed across the Atlantic I 1904. There was a 50-member Male chorus singing "Hurrah for Ole Brude" while we were waiting for the red carpet to be rolled out for us. Patty was along for that trip.

I was also happy he picked me to be his chiropractor and he was a treat when he came in.

Another thing I forgot we had in common was we both majored in Mathematics and went on to enroll in a Master's program in Math. He finished. I dropped out. Oh, well.

I will miss him.

Gordon Staff , officially, 1st cousin, once removed.

Gordon Staff - April 26, 2024 at 12:14 PM

MS

“ *Patti, our condolences to you and your family. Loss is always difficult. Hold on to all the good memories. You are in our prayers.*
Mark and Michele Stephan

Mark and Michele Stephan - April 26, 2024 at 10:24 AM

EH

“ *I have so much respect and love for Bob and he will be very sorely missed.*

Evelyn Haaheim - April 25, 2024 at 12:43 PM

EH

“ *Evelyn Haaheim lit a candle in memory of Dale Robert Haaheim*



Evelyn Haaheim - April 25, 2024 at 12:41 PM



“ *Debby Leon lit a candle in memory of Dale Robert Haaheim*



Debby Leon - April 21, 2024 at 09:43 AM



I miss you Dad. We all miss you. I love you.

Debby Leon - April 21, 2024 at 09:45 AM

BN

Bob and I met in 9th grade algebra class in 1952 and graduated together in Richfield's first class of 1956. We both became math teachers in Richfield and studied for our masters in math exams together. We taught a computer class together, with students using networked Mac Plus computers to create information sites that others could log into, a 1980s early classroom sized Internet. I have often wondered what the IRS thought when Bob got married to a gal with three children and then had twins, filing a tax form as a single one year and married with five children the next. One fall, I shared with Bob an idea I had for an extension of the Pythagorean theorem into three and higher dimensions. We both worked on a mathematical proof and months later, each came up with one on the same day. As a teacher, Bob was the first to recognize Ross Rosenwald, one of Richfield's most gifted math students, who became a math-physicist-astronomer in Arizona. I recall Bob chased solar eclipses over the years. These are some of the happy memories of my friend, classmate and math teacher. Bob Nelson

Bob Nelson - April 22, 2024 at 07:19 AM