



Dale LaFrenz

September 21, 1937 - February 25, 2026

Bloomington, MN - Dale Eugene LaFrenz, 88, passed away on February 25, 2026. He was born September 21, 1937, in Cresco, Iowa, to Vance and Roslyn LaFrenz.

Dale grew up in St. Charles, Minnesota, where he graduated from St. Charles High School. He served in the U.S. Army, graduated from Mankato State in 1959, and later earned a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Minnesota.

Dale began his career teaching mathematics at University High School and Faribault Junior High, where he met fellow teacher Jodeen. They married in 1963 and raised four children while living in St. Anthony, Arlington Heights (IL) and Eden Prairie. Family life was filled with road trips, sports, music events and cabin weekends.

Dale was instrumental in bringing computer education into schools. He helped lead the Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium (MECC), which created and distributed The Oregon Trail. Dale was known for his optimism, curiosity, and encouraging others to "go for it."

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Jodeen. He is survived by his children Jason (Naomi) LaFrenz, Jennifer LaFrenz, Sarah (Jason) Bass,

and Todd (Jackie) LaFrenz; seven grandkids Ian, Emma, Will, Gavin, Maddy, Matea and Sam; brother Dean (Carol) LaFrenz; extended family and companion Sharon Knapp.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. Cards or condolences can be sent to Charis, 11000 Blossom Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347.

Service will be streamed at charisecc.org Click button to enter Zoom call.
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