



## Daniel Joseph Ridgeway

March 21, 1954 - November 29, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Daniel Joseph Ridgeway (71)

Dan was born March 21, 1954 to Dewey and Mable (Stay) Ridgeway at the Swedish hospital in Minneapolis, MN. He was their 11th child and 7th son. Dan spent most of his childhood in South Minneapolis and graduated from St. Michael High School in 1975.

After graduating, Dan went to work at a local feed mill where he met the love of his life, his wife Gwendolyn. Together they were blessed with 2 sons, Lincoln and Lucas. Dan embraced fatherhood and took any chance he could to stay home and take care of his boys.

He spent his free time fishing, golfing, riding his motorcycle, spending time with his family and was always up for a good twins game or some barbecuing. Through his life Dan had a deep love of music that he passed on to his sons. He was a man of strong faith, strong will, and a real appreciation for Nature.

Though he carried a forward exterior, Dan had a deeply generous heart. He showed his love and kindness through actions. When his eldest son fell ill as a child and needed a kidney, Dan donated one of his without hesitation. A true testament of a father's love.

After retiring from his favorite job as a school bus driver. Dan enjoyed his days with his family and raising his chickens who he often referred to as "his girls".

Daniel died unexpectedly on November 29th 2025 surrounded by his family. Preceded in death by his Parents: Dewey and Mable Brothers: Donald, Raymond, Paul, David, and Mitchel Sisters: Mary, Dorothy and Lorraine. Survived by his loving wife Gwendolyn. Sons Lincoln and Lucas, and his siblings Harold (Linda), Martha (Alan) and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Washburn -McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel on Friday January 23rd, 2026. Visitation starting at 1:00 PM, service starting at 2:00 PM. Family will be holding a private internment at a later date.

There will be a gathering immediately following the service at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625, just behind the chapel.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Memorial Service

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We lived next door to Dan and Gwen for many years. We enjoyed playing cards and Brad was close to Dan. He will be greatly missed. They both had a love for music. Sorry I can't attend the service because I live 3 hours away. My condolence to the whole family

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**Sandra Nelson** - January 17 at 01:25 PM