



Darwin Lloyd Borden

October 14, 1933 - January 14, 2026

Darwin Lloyd Borden, age 92, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, on January 14, 2026, after a full life.

Darwin was born on October 14, 1933, in Zion, Illinois, the second of three children. His faith was always very important to him. He met his wife, Marilyn, while both participated in Zion's famed Passion Play. He spent years teaching Sunday school, keeping finances for Olivet United Methodist Church, serving on numerous committees, and volunteering for other church activities.

After serving for two years in the United States Army, Darwin earned his degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. He then began his career with the Pillsbury Company in 1961. For 30 years he worked in various roles, retiring as Vice-President of Sales and Marketing, Flour Milling.

Darwin, always busy, enjoyed woodworking, baking, do-it-yourself repair projects, and, in his retirement, custom built two classic automobiles. Classical and Gospel music were another of Darwin's loves. He especially enjoyed pipe organ music and was the driving force behind installation of a pipe organ in his home church, Olivet United Methodist.

Darwin is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Marilyn; his daughter, Myra (Larry) Herzog; and his son, Ryan (Laurie). He is also survived by step-

granddaughters Breeanna (Adam) Obermann and Brittany Herzog and two great-grandchildren, Ezra and Sloane Obermann. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, Drew. Also preceding him in death were parents, Lloyd and Charlotte, brother Robert, and sister Bonita Kiester.

Darwin's life was well lived. He loved deeply and shared joyfully. His legacy continues in the family he raised, the things he built, the knowledge he shared and the laughter he easily gave.

A celebration of Darwin's life will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Glen Haven Funeral Chapel (Washburn-McReavy) in Crystal, Minnesota. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a service at 11:00 a.m. and a lite lunch. The service will also be broadcast live here is the webcast link <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/darwin-borden/#!/PhotosVideos>. Interment will follow at a later date in Zion.

"Well done good and faithful servant." - Matthew 25:23

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Darwin Lloyd Borden in memory of Darwin Lloyd Borden



Washburn-McReavy - January 15 at 09:53 PM



“ Soooo many memories of Darwin during the years when my Dad was pastor at Olivet. His service to the people at Olivet and elsewhere showed his heart for caring for others -- and his friendship to my parents through some very tough years, both while in ministry and after retirement, will be treasured by me and my husband as long as we live. A true "angel that walks among us" ... Blessed be his memory, and God's continual comfort for Marilyn and the family. "Well done, good and faithful servant." A scripture passage that describes Darwin well.

Connie Smisek - January 29 at 11:00 AM



“ I remember Darwin from High School, we we both in the same class. We used to talk at class reunion's as we were involve in the grain industry. I am sure he will be missed. Galen C Lucus class of 51

Galen C Lucus - January 28 at 11:59 AM

PK

“ Paulette & Chuck Kingsley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Darwin Lloyd Borden.

Paulette & Chuck Kingsley - January 26 at 08:27 PM

PK

“ Paulette & Chuck Kingsley purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Darwin Lloyd Borden.



Paulette & Chuck Kingsley - January 26 at 08:27 PM

JD

“ Darwin was a very faithful member of Olivet Church. He always had a smile when I saw him and he always greeted me warmly and also remembered my children's names. He also made cinnamon rolls for my family every Christmas for years, which we still talk about to this day. I will miss his smile. My sincere condolences to his family. I pray they experience a peace that surpasses understanding.

Joy Durand - January 20 at 06:15 PM

YF

“ Your South 5 family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Darwin Lloyd Borden.



Your South 5 family - January 20 at 04:28 PM