



Dean Alan Tangren

February 16, 1963 - September 21, 2025

Dean Alan Tangren, 62, passed away on September 21, 2025. He was born on February 16, 1963, to Orlin Hilbert and Marilyn Constance Tangren in Jamestown, ND, and spent most of his life in Minnesota.

Dean was a brilliant and capable entrepreneur who built a thriving company through hard work and creativity. Engineering and design came naturally to him, and he approached every challenge with ingenuity. He had a deep love of culture and adventure, traveling to more than twenty countries throughout his life, and he was still planning future trips with friends in his final months.

Above all, Dean dearly loved his children and grandchildren—they were the light of his life.

Dean is survived by his parents; his four siblings, Daniel Orlin (Linda) Tangren, Dwight Craig Tangren, Diane Marie Tack, Denise Adair (Mike) Koch; his children, Eric Glendon Tangren, Brian Thomas Tangren, Emily Jean (Seth) Trotter, and Franklin Scott Tangren; and his two grandchildren, Penelope Dean Trotter and Signe Kai Trotter, and many nieces and nephews.

His legacy of innovation, generosity, and humor continues to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He will be laid to rest at 11:00 am, December 6th, 2025 at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. All who loved him are welcome to attend.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Dean Alan Tangren in memory of Dean Alan Tangren



Washburn-McReavy - December 01, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ Diane T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dean Alan Tangren.

Diane T. - December 06, 2025 at 10:49 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Dean



Kim Collins (Schug) - December 05, 2025 at 08:18 PM

KA

“ Growing up just doors down from Dean in Brooklyn Park, I remember an early conversation we had where he said he wanted to develop the concept of perpetual motion. He said if successful it would be an incredible achievement. At the time we were probably around 12-13 years old. Through the years after that, he continued to wow and impress me with his ability to come up with and express his thought-provoking ideas.

and though our time together was far too short, the memories we made will last a lifetime. Rest peacefully, my dear friend, you are missed.

Kirk Anderson - December 04, 2025 at 10:00 PM

EB

“ Growing up, Dean was like an older brother to me, even though we were the same age. He was always showing and teaching me new things. I'll never forget when he put headphones on my head and said-" Listen to this"- It was Van Halen's first album and we never looked back. We went to 3 or 4 Van Halen concerts as teenagers, among all the other concerts our friends went to. I love you forever Dean, and I'm sure I'll see you soon.

Edward Beamish - December 03, 2025 at 11:35 AM

EB

We listened to a lot of Dwight's albums- 😊

Edward Beamish - December 03, 2025 at 11:39 AM

KC

Dean and I graduated from Anoka High School together. We, along with Steve and Barb, had a lot of good times together. 🎉😊 Rest in peace, my friend. ❤️

Kim Collins (Schug) - December 05, 2025 at 08:12 PM

JT

“ *Joan, John, Kent, Susan Tangren purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dean Alan Tangren.*



Joan, John, Kent, Susan Tangren - December 03, 2025 at
10:53 AM