



Dr. Dwain Breitbach

October 6, 1929 - February 4, 2025

Dwain Sylvester Breitbach, DDS, born 10/06/1929. Oldest of 8 children born to Sylvester Breitbach and Sophia Jacobsen, in Luverne, ND. Dwain graduated from Luverne High School in 1947 and attended Valley City State. He enlisted in the US Air Force and was stationed at K2 airbase in Japan. Flew 100 missions in an F84 during the Korean War. Earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1959. Founding member of the Coon Rapids Clinic and practiced dentistry in Coon Rapids for over 30 years. Dwain was responsible for the city of Coon Rapids incorporating fluoride into the local water supply. Dwain married Phil (Barbara Devaney) in 1955 and raised 6 children. He was a member of the Jaycees and Epiphany Catholic Church. Dwain was an avid outdoorsman, loved to bird hunt, fish, and down hill ski. Dwain's retirement was centered around his Catholic faith and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and served the residents of Park River Estates with a weekly communion service until his ninetieth birthday.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 70 years, Phil; children, Denise (David Groves), Patrick (Carol), Barbara (Tom Babcock), Ann (Randy Logelin), Theresa (Scott Boisjolie), and Robert; 19 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, many family and friends. Evening Visitation Monday February 10, 2025 4-7 PM with prayer service at 6, at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW. Reception to follow visitation at

Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday February 11 at 10:30 AM with visitation at 9:30 AM at the Church of the Epiphany, 11001 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Mount Olivet Rolling Acres, Attn: Dawn 7200 Rolling Acres. Rd., Victoria, MN 55386.

Cemetery Details

Epiphany Cemetery

10955 Hanson Boulevard
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest
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Tribute Wall

JS

“ I'm so sorry to just be learning of Dwain's death. He was such a wonderful mentor to me. I think I have gone the rest of my life hoping to have a boss who was as kind and loving - but he also expected a high quality of work. Every time I left those darn PA x-rays in the dark room too long I knew he'd have a sigh for me.

Dr. Breitbach made such an impact on my entire family as our dentist and our neighbor. Love to the entire family as you remember a great human who exemplified immense generosity.

Sincerely, Julie (Egan) Strahan

Julie Strahan - March 05, 2025 at 05:23 PM

JS

And little did I know that Dwain's love of Linda Ronstadt (playing some of her albums on repeat) would endear me to my future spouse who shares the love of Ms. Ronstadt. :)

Julie Strahan - March 05, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JH

“ On behalf of my dad, Herman Imdieke, and our entire family I offer you our condolences on the death of your parents.

Herman and Dwain were cousins, and my dad told the story of picking rocks with one of my brothers on the farm near Melrose when Dwain buzzed them with his plane. I imagine they were quite startled! How they learned the identity of the pilot I don't know, but it was always something that the two cousins would talk about when they were together. Probably laughing about it now in heaven!

May memories of good times shared bring all of you comfort and peace.

With sympathy,

Joan Imdieke Henry

Joan Henry - February 12, 2025 at 07:21 AM

TH

“ Tom Hanson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Dwain Breitbach.



Tom Hanson - February 09, 2025 at 10:03 PM

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“ Tom Hanson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Dwain Breitbach.

Tom Hanson - February 09, 2025 at 10:03 PM

MS

“ Breitbach family,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the loss of your parents. I can't imagine the pain you're going through right now, but please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

I have such fond memories of the times we spent together as families. I'll never forget the Sundays when both families would leave church, and we would coach our dads to drive fast to see who could get home first. The excitement and fun of those races were unforgettable. The backyard games and activities we enjoyed on our dead-end street were the highlights of our days, creating bonds that will last a lifetime.

It was wonderful to be included in a family vacation at the lake, where your family taught me to water ski and Phil made those delicious caramel-dipped marshmallows rolled in rice crispy cereal! Time spent together was always special to me.

Your parents were incredible people who touched the lives of everyone around them. Their kindness, generosity, and love will always be remembered.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Mavis Schwartz*

Mavis Schwartz - February 07, 2025 at 03:17 PM

SB

I was saddened to hear about the loss of Dwain, he was such a caring and loving man! I was the housekeeper there at Epiphany! Whenever I would stop in Dwain would be reading his paper! He would always thank me for everything I did! I just loved how he would cook and make his coffee and make Barb bacon! He was very considerate and I really wanted to say when mom was in the hospital during Covid he would share and say I hope she's gonna be all right. I hope she's gonna come back and I would reassure him that Barb would be back, just wanted to share a few of the little special moments! Dwain will be truly missed! I left a tad early from Epiphany and I came back to visit. Mom and dad , Dwain would say Sharon can't you come back please we need you! It just broke my heart, but I just wanna add. They will be forever in my heart. I loved them dearly! Together till the end!

Sharon Brasuhn - February 10, 2025 at 09:31 AM

DF

“ *There are so many things I admire about how Uncle Dwain lived his life.*

He was always smiling, looked like he was always enjoying life.

He and Auntie Phil raised GREAT kids - that's a big job!

He had cool hobbies and interests, and I so admire his sense of community - both personally and professionally. RIP, Dwain, and thank you for being my Godfather.

Our love and warmest regards to the whole Breitbach family!

Diane Follestad - February 06, 2025 at 01:45 PM

JP

“ *My favorite memories of Uncle Dwain are when he and my aunt hosted a Memorial Day gathering at their home in Coon Rapids for many years.*

I appreciated the opportunity to see my aunts, uncles and cousins. I learned to love smoked fish. Those were fun times for me.

RIP dear uncle...

Judy Pfenning - February 05, 2025 at 03:06 PM

SZ

“ *I am sad to of Dwain's passing
I have too many fond memories to go into here
I was always struck by how kind he was
And how he greeted one with a focus that made one feel special
Rip you will be missed*

sandra zukauska - February 05, 2025 at 02:29 PM

MB

*Our deepest condolences to the Breitbach family on the passing of
your parent's and Grandparents.
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n - anamacha
Joe Margaret Laura and Jai
IRELAND*

Margaret Buckley - February 08, 2025 at 10:19 AM