



Gerald Dahl

November 10, 1938 - January 10, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" LuVern Dahl entered heaven's gates at his home in Golden Valley on Friday, January 10, 2025, after a short battle with an inoperable malignant brain tumor. He was surrounded by family and friends his entire journey.

Jerry was born to Lloyd and Leola Dahl on November 10, 1938, in Osage, Iowa. The second youngest of five siblings, Jerry loved his years growing up in Lyle, Minnesota, and working at the family business, Dahls Hardware & Implements, on Main Street. He attended Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL graduating in the Centennial Class of 1960. But his world changed when he met the love of his life, Judy Brown, the pastor's daughter at First Baptist Church in Austin, MN. They were married in 1960 and moved to Lincoln, NE where Jerry attended graduate school. Moving to Minneapolis in 1962, Jerry accepted a position to work as a Juvenile Probation Officer. His career expanded as he added counseling at the Minneapolis Clinic of Psychiatry & Neurology and began teaching Marriage & the Family at Bethel College and Golden Valley Lutheran College. In 1983 he founded Dahl & Associates and soon after, Strategic Team-Makers. His life's work was spent pouring into others. In the early years, it was through his counseling practice and teaching. Later in life, his passion for Church Planting Assessment Centers blossomed.

Follower of Christ, Husband, Father, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, Counselor,

Assessor, Author, College Professor, Teacher, and Friend. Relationships were a key part of his 86 years. Jerry treasured hosting family and friends at their home on Sweeney Lake. He loved to share boat-rides on the water, picnics in the yard, but most of all - root beer floats at "Jerry's Place".

Survived by his wife of 64 years, Judy Dahl, children Peter (Lynn) Dahl, Stephen (Julie) Dahl, and Leah (Jeremy) Rolley along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, sister Sharon Bridges and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Leola and Lloyd Dahl, siblings Glenn Dahl, Lois Williams, Gloria Sandgren, and grandson Maxwell Dahl.

Visitation at 10:00am and service to follow at 11:00am on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Ridgewood Church (4420 County Road 101, Minnetonka, MN). In lieu of flowers, the family is encouraging friends to make contributions to Converge church planting efforts. Donations may be made to: Converge North Central (MEMO - "Dahl Memorial").

Converge North Central
10173 Trout Lake Drive
Pine River, MN 56474

Online donations can be made at ConvergeNorthCentral.org.

Livestream of service:

https://boxcast.tv/view/jerry-dahl---celebration-of-life-z0dogldzxkeb6amzstd3?_gl=1*kz0u5*_gcl_au*MTA4Mzc0NTA2My4xNzM2MDAyMDM4*_ga*MTYyMjc5Mjk2LjE3MzYwMDIwMzg.*_ga_PXBBF7HVWQ*MTczNjk2NTgzMS4yLjEuMTczNjk2NTk4Mi4wLjAuMA

Previous Events

Church Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ridgewood Church
4420 County Road 101
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Larry & Ian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Dahl.



Larry & Ian - January 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM

LI

“ Larry & Ian planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Dahl.

Larry & Ian - January 17, 2025 at 04:38 PM

SB

“ Sharon Bridges purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Gerald Dahl.



Sharon Bridges - January 16, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ I loved Mr Dahl's Marriage and Family class at GVLC. I also had the privilege of babysitting his children when he and his wife were gone overnight at a conference, etc. My sympathies Judy, Peter, Stephen and Leah.

Ardana Van Rosendale Bruns - January 16, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Dahl.



January 16, 2025 at 08:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Dahl.

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“ I met Jerry at the Converge assessment facility in Florida in hopes of planting a church in Granite City, Illinois. He evaluated my wife and our health as a couple and as potential church planter. It's like he could see right through our soul as he spoke kindness and potential over our lives as well as difficult truths about areas we needed to mature in. Kim & I walked away better people that day, more aware, better equipped and ready to grow. I have had the privilege of sending other ministers to experience the same experience from Jerry. I can truly say I have never met anyone like him. So observant and intentional. I thank God for the Dahl family sharing Jerry with us and pray deeply for you. Love Larry & Kim Lacefield

Larry Lacefield - January 15, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Dahl.*



January 15, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Dahl.

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“ *What a friend and mentor Jerry was to me since 1973 when my wife to be Joan introduced Jerry and Judy to me at Edgewater Baptist. So many rich memories over the years of a couple who pursued the Deeper Life of walking daily in trust of their Savior. His work in later decades with church planters has left an indelible mark on the lives of thousands of people these new churches have reached. “well done good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of the Lord.”*

Joel Goff - January 14, 2025 at 05:36 PM

MM

“ in roughly 1978, my mother, Gail McLellan went to see "Jerry" as she was struggling with family issues at the time. With a working husband who had a career on the rise and traveled constantly, three boys that just moved to MN and were still getting acclimated, and her lingering fear that she was losing the battle.



Gerald, upon completion of a session or two, recognized that a root cause might be alcoholism and addiction in the family. This was almost an unknown disease at the time, but our father reluctantly agreed to get evaluated though he was quite sure he did not have a problem. Ten minutes into the evaluation he realized he was an alcoholic and has remained sober for 47 years. Thanks to Jerry.

The result of dad getting sober enabled him to have a successful business career (unlike many alcoholics that lose jobs, hit financial straits, etc.), and it was that inflection point that saved our family and the overall quality of our lives. The other options or paths are hard to contemplate had dad remained a drinker, and would have been much more challenging.

The Dahl's are life-long friends, and Jerry is recognized (by us, not him) as the savior of our family. He will always be near and dear to the McLellan family, Thoughts are with the extended Dahl family, and memories of the backyard beach on Sweeney Lake will always be with us. Much love, Mark McLellan and the extended McLellan family.

Mark McLellan - January 14, 2025 at 05:33 PM