



Marlin Duane Grant

March 8, 1936 - November 18, 2025

Marlin D. Grant, age 89, of Bloomington, died November 18, 2025 surrounded by the love of his family.

Marlin Duane Grant was born on March 8, 1936 in Milaca, MN to Clarence and Astrid (Anderson) Grant. He learned the work ethic in his life, at age seven when he was picking rocks with his grandpa's old tractor and trailer at the family farm. He also worked at age 16 as a truck driver for Land O' Lakes and was in a near fatal crash that almost cost him his life.

Marlin met Wilma Hoekstra and they married in 1956. They had their first child, Barb, in 1957 and lived in a log home until their second child, Linda, was born. Marlin started doing carpenter work and built various homes as his family kept growing. Their son Steve was born in 1961 in their St. Paul home, and daughter Debbie in 1965 in their Bloomington home where he currently resided for 61 years.

Marlin began working for Marvin H. Anderson Construction Co. in 1954 as an apprentice carpenter, construction manager, and working his way into the office as estimator, vice president, and president for a total of 35 years. A total of 2,735 homes were built in Bloomington which amounted to over 5,000 homes throughout the Twin Cities area. He purchased the company in 1986 from his cousin Marv Anderson. Marlin was very active in the home building

industry, serving as president for the Minneapolis Builders Association in 1972, president of the MN Builders Institute, and Chairman of the Twin Cities Carpentry Training Program, where he signed thousands of apprentice graduation certificates. He was a Lifetime Director of the National Association of Home Builders.

Marlin was very involved in his church, Hillcrest United Methodist in Bloomington, where he served on the trustees committee and help to maintain the church property. He also read scripture on Sunday morning worship services. He had many accomplishments in his life. He was most proud of building his own lake home on Sugar Lake in 1994.

Marlin and Wilma enjoyed going on many trips and cruises. He also loved fishing with friends and family, including trips to Alaska and Canada. He was an honorary member of the Bloomington Lion's Club. Marlin enjoyed his summers at Sugar Lake for over 60 years, riding on his John Deere tractor mowing grass and picking up sticks in the yard. In retirement, he enjoyed spending time in his home office and living in his pajamas. He will be missed by his wife, family, and many friends and relatives.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma, of 69 years; children; Barbara (Blaine) Masseur of Bloomington, Linda Williams of Annandale, Steven (Sue) Grant of Annandale, and Debbie (Mike) McManus of Annandale; grandchildren, Breanne (Aaron), Brett (Kathryn), Angie (Drew), Brad (Chris), and Cassi (Jerame); 9 great-grandchildren; and sister Joyce Counihan, brother Gary (Joy), and sister-in-law Judy. He was preceded in death by parents, Clarence and Astrid Grant, brother Dale, brother-in-law, Roger Counihan, son-in-law, Joel Williams, and grandson-in-law David Sill, and many cousins, aunts, and uncles. The funeral service will be streamed by Hillcrest Church via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@hillcrestumc2114>

Memorials may be directed to Hillcrest United Methodist Church Foundation or an organization of your choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hillcrest United Methodist Church
9100 Russell Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Funeral Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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9100 Russell Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431

Graveside Service

NOV 25. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Bloomington Cemetery
10340 Lyndale Ave S
Bloomington, MN 55420

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Deborah S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlin Duane Grant.

Deborah S. - November 24, 2025 at 02:22 PM

HK

“ Hallie, Maggie, Nicole, and Kayla purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marlin Duane Grant.



Hallie, Maggie, Nicole, and Kayla - November 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM

PS

“ My wife Lisa and I became Marlin and Wilma's neighbor on Sugar Lake roughly 11 years ago. The first time Marlin saw us, after we purchased our lake home, my wife and I pulled up on a big black Harley Davidson Electra Glide. Sometime later, after Marlin and I got to know each other, he informed me that at the time he was thinking, "oh great, we're going to have biker gangs hanging out next door...there goes the neighborhood"...which we both had a good chuckle over.

Marlin was a kind and generous man of faith. I would occasionally help Marlin out with some small project and he would often bring over some fresh corn on the cob, or some other treat.

A few years back, we wanted to replace our garage with a larger one, but our lot size was slightly small per county building requirements. I approached Marlin and asked if he would be willing to sell me enough land to allow me to build the garage I wanted. Marlin pondered the idea, for maybe ten seconds, and said he would give us what we needed for one dollar if we covered the survey and legal costs. I don't think there are many people these days who would offer this up so selflessly.

Marlin was a very caring and generous with his children, all of whom we have gotten to know, to some extent over the years...all great people. Marlin's son, Steve, has been my "go to" guy when I need help or advice on a construction project...skills Steve gained over the years working for and with his dad.

Marlin always had a story to tell, such as how he met Wilma, his first new car, jobs he worked throughout his life, etc. The story that stands out, in my mind, which speaks to Marlin's loyalty and generosity is one about his brother, Dale, who passed a couple years back. Long story short, Marlin surprised Dale with a new house when Dale got out of the service, and if memory serves, a job working for Marlin as well.

My father passed many years ago, so I always enjoyed the time I spent with Marlin and considered him somewhat of a father figure to me.

My wife and I will greatly miss having Marlin and Wilma next door during the summer months.

I'm confident that upon Marlin's arrival in heaven that God greeted him with "Well done my good and faithful servant!"

Marlin, my friend, I will miss you greatly. May you rest in God's peace!

*Love,
Paul Steffens*

Paul Steffens - November 22, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LS

“ *Love, Paul & Lisa Steffens purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marlin Duane Grant.*



Love, Paul & Lisa Steffens - November 22, 2025 at 06:17 PM

FZ

“ *From the families of Andy & Jack Zylstra purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Marlin Duane Grant.*



From the families of Andy & Jack Zylstra - November 21, 2025 at 02:41 PM

FZ

“ From the families of Andy & Jack Zylstra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlin Duane Grant.

From the families of Andy & Jack Zylstra - November 21, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marlin Duane Grant.



November 21, 2025 at 11:12 AM

LS

“ Linda L Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grant William Taft.

Linda L Smith - November 21, 2025 at 11:12 AM

MH

“ Wonderful uncle!

Michelle Hoekstra - November 20, 2025 at 08:44 PM