



Dale A. Umnus

June 5, 1934 - March 23, 2018

Dale Arthur Umnus, age 83, of Manitowoc, was called home by his heavenly Father on Friday, March 23, 2018 at Manitowoc Health & Rehabilitation Center, with his wife, members of his family, and his pastor at his side.

Dale was born June 5, 1934 in the Town of Morrison, WI, to Hilda (Uecker) and Arthur Umnus. He became a child of God and an heir of eternal life when he was baptized on June 17, 1934, at Zion Lutheran Church in the Town of Morrison. He went on to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation when he was confirmed on March 21, 1948 by the Reverend Dr. Henry Koch at Zion Lutheran Church in Morrison.

Dale graduated from East De Pere High School in 1952. On May 21, 1955, he married Gladys Kasten at St. John Lutheran Church in Maribel. They were members of Grace Lutheran Church and lived in Manitowoc their entire married life, except for the time he served his country in the United States Army. Dale was an automotive parts salesman for more than 50 years, retiring in 2011. He enjoyed his work, and especially his customers who were also his friends.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Gladys; three daughters, Dawn (Steven) Toth, Elkhorn, WI, Donna Gorzelitz, Manitowoc, WI, and Julie Umnus, Chicago, IL. Dale is also survived by four grandchildren; Brian Gorzelitz, Milwaukee, Angela Toth, Madison, Andrew Toth, East Troy, and Katie Gorzelitz, Manitowoc, one great-grandchild, Savannah, and one sister-in-law; Lois Umnus, Appleton. Other relatives and friends further survive him. Dale was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Elroy.

This is what Dale believed: "I firmly believe in the Triune God and that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is my Savior from sin and eternal death. Faith convinces me that after this life of joys and sorrows, accomplishments, and failures, I will live eternally in heaven. This is possible not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because Jesus Christ justified me before God by dying on the cross of Calvary in my place. I now live with him."

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, 2426 North Rapids Road, Manitowoc. The Rev. Thomas Pankow will officiate with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Relatives and friends may call at the church on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. The Reinbold & Pfeffer Family Funeral Home of Manitowoc is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.jensreinboldandpfeffer.com

The family invites anyone who sang in a choir with Dale, his daughters or grandchildren to join an ad-hoc choir that will lead the congregation in a familiar hymn. A memorial fund is being established in his name for Grace Lutheran Church and Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

Dale's family extends their sincere thanks to the caregivers at Manitowoc Health & Rehabilitation Center and HomeCare Health Services & Hospice for their kindness to Dale and us.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery - Manitowoc

2221 Michigan Avenue
Manitowoc, WI, 54220

Events

MAR **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Grace Ev. Lutheran Church
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MAR **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dale A. Umnus.



March 28, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ Gladys, Dawn, Donna, Julie & Families,

Over the years there are so many memories of my Christian friend, Dale! To many to mention here. But I will share two - The first being when I asked my friend to play the part of an "old man" in a skit for family night at Grace church. The skit was called "Root Beer and Twinkies." Dale, being Dale, said of course he would do it even if he wasn't an "old man" yet. (And he wasn't cause that was about 20-25 years ago) and the only other actor in the skit (Justus) is now attending DML College and is studying to be a minister. I'm positive Dale Influenced Justus also!

My second memory is what I said to Pastor Tom this past Saturday when he told me Dale had gone home to heaven yesterday. With a smile on my face I said to pastor, "You need to know that after Elwood Lutze died, in my heart I held Dale as my "cornerstone of Grace church." Now what am I going to do?

My HEART FELT condolences to Gladys (and your 3 daughters). You are a special family that I will always remember because of Dale's leadership (and Gladys' faithful guidance and partnership) & your 3 daughters that continue to share God's love and His Word with all. We love & grieve with you. Lois & Dave Bergquist

Lois Bergquist - March 25, 2018 at 01:12 PM



“ Thank you, Lois, for sharing your memories. "Dale, being Dale..." made me smile. ~ Julie
Julie Umnus - March 27, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ Thank you Lois for your kind words and sharing your memories. I agree with Julie, the part about "Dale being Dale" made me smile.

Donna Gorzelitz - March 27, 2018 at 09:12 PM



“ . purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet for the family of Dale A. Umnus.



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