



Dudley Eickstedt

March 18, 1942 - December 14, 2025

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – Dudley Wallace Eickstedt age 83 of Colorado Springs, passed away peacefully, Sunday, December 14, 2025 at Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care in Colorado Springs, CO, after a short illness.

Born on March 18, 1942 in Milwaukee Wisconsin, Dudley was the beloved son of the late Wallace Eickstedt and the former Bernadine LaGrange of Milwaukee.

Dudley Graduated from Custer High School in Milwaukee with the class of 1960. Under his picture in his high school yearbook it was written, “a quiet guy, but quite a guy.”

Shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the United States Army and served as a Military Policeman with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas from 1961-1964. During his time in the Army Dudley was deployed in support of war games at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California and in support of the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry Ohio. He was honorably discharged in February 1964.

He married the love of his life, the late Sharon Brown of Vulcan, on November 14, 1964 at Benediction Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. They were married for 60 years and shared many adventures together. She preceded him in death

on October 16, 2025.

Dudley worked hard all of his life, beginning at the age of 14. During his youth he picked fruits and vegetables on local farms, delivered the Milwaukee Journal, and bagged groceries at the Red Owl Supermarket. As an adult he worked as a timekeeper at the Pressed Steel Tank Company in Milwaukee before transitioning to a professional truck driver in 1968. He drove for the Wilson Freight Company from 1969-1980 and later the American Freight Company. He drove a fuel truck for the Krist Oil Company of Iron River for many years until his retirement.

While he didn't have many hobbies, he enjoyed planting gardens and working on his yard, as well as fishing and hunting.

Dudley is survived by his three children Donald (Svetlana) Eickstedt of Nashua, New Hampshire; Daniel Eickstedt of Colorado Springs; and Lynne (Sascha) Lantin of Vulcan, Michigan. His sisters Luann (Jack) Stanley, Elaine (Dennis) Klubertanz, and Dorothy (Paul) Zimmerman. He was a proud grandfather to Samuel Eickstedt of New York, New York; Dylan, Sofia, and Danielle Eickstedt of Colorado Springs; and Gage Steely of Knoxville, Tennessee, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is fondly remembered by his friend Kelly Fealy of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 29, 2025 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Doletzky of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Escanaba, officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
618 Norway Street
P.O. Box 155
Norway, MI 49870
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Service

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Daniel Donald Lynn
I am so very sad for the loss of your father and grandfather. He was the best!
In our talks he would tell me stories about our grandparents and other family members. Your mom & your dad worked very many hours making our family ancestry which they very much enjoyed. Your dad was always there for me and always ready to listen. He was a man strong in his beliefs & love for his family.
Well brother it pains me to say goodbye but someday we will talk again
Love you Elaine

elaine klubertanz - December 26, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dudley Eickstedt.



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Emily Evers - December 21, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ Donald, Daniel, Lynn and Grandchildren, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad and Grandpa.

I remember my brother was very protective of his 3 sisters as we grew up, even if we bugged him sometimes. I will always be thankful for that.

I will keep him close to me always. Dudley was a God loving man and was a good example for everyone. I am so thankful for the time I got to spend with him. He is now with the Lord and he would want us to celebrate his life.

Until we meet again brother, I love you.

Your sister Lou and Jack



Emily Evers - December 21, 2025 at 12:11 PM

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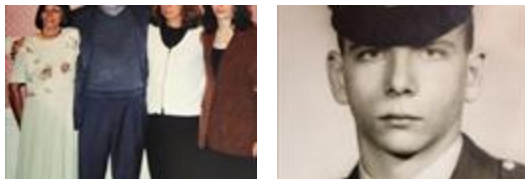
“ So sorry Donald, Daniel, Lynn and grandkids in the lost of your Dad and Grandpa.

I loved my Big Brother and thank God for blessing me with him.

Never forgotten, always in my heart

Peace

Your little sister



Dorothy Zimmermann - December 19, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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Thanks Dorothy for the wonderful tribute. Daniel.

Daniel Eickstedt - December 19, 2025 at 05:08 PM