



Dale E. Hermann

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Dale E. "Gramps" Hermann, 86, of New Haven, passed away on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late Alvin and Esther (Bohnke) Hermann. He was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, and especially enjoyed singing & socializing with his fellow choir members. Dale lived his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ with a servant's heart. He was an avid fisherman - it was often said that fish trembled at the mention of his name. A sports enthusiast especially in supporting his children & grandchildren vocally from the stands. He loved playing and winning in euchre, grilling his famous steaks and bargain hunting. He tirelessly tended his large garden then shared his famous coveted sweetcorn & tomatoes with family & friends. Dale raised 10,000 chickens instilling life lessons and creating everlasting family memories. In 2001, after 40yrs of working every stitch of OT offered, he retired with highest seniority from BF Goodrich humorously earning the nickname #1. A proud family man known for his one-line witty jokes, being a husband, father, and grandfather were his biggest loves in life. Dale will be greatly missed but truly lived a Wonderful Life.

He is survived by children, Chadd Hermann, Conn (Connie) Hermann, Curt (Lylian) Hermann, and Kristen (Ray) Mendenhall; siblings, Doris (Fred) Wiedemann and Fritz (Inge) Hermann; grandchildren, Andrew (Laila), Lyndsey (Matt) Stein, Megan, Kendall, Amanda (Eric) Chang, Alexandra (Jake) Chudy, Isabelle, and Abygail Hermann. Jake, Luke (Kory), Kate (Kevin Cuatepotzo), and Mitchell Mendenhall; and great grandchildren, Ella, Adylin, Donatello, Michaelangelo, Leia, and Hazel. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Joan Hermann; brother, Kenneth Hermann; and daughter-in-law, Heather Hermann.

Funeral service is 10:30 am Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 800 Green St., New Haven with visitation one hour prior. Visitation is also 4 to 8 pm Friday, January 30, 2026, at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven. Please join us for the



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celebration of Dale's life luncheon immediately following the funeral service at Emmanuel Church. Burial in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials Central Lutheran School or Alzheimer's Association. For online condolences please visit <https://www.harperfuneralhome.com>. The funeral will be live streamed at <https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/dale-hermann>.






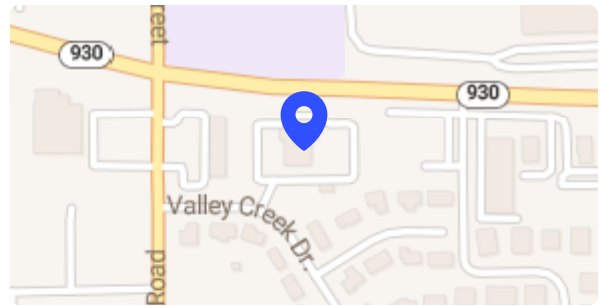
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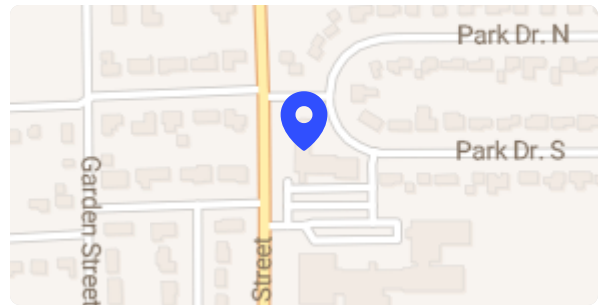
Visitation

-  **Friday, January 30, 2026**
-  4:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Harper's Community Funeral Home**
740 State Road 930 E, New Haven IN 46774






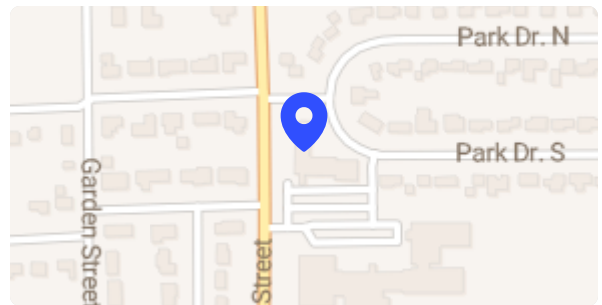
Visitation

-  **Saturday, January 31, 2026**
-  9:30 AM - 10:30 AM ET
-  **Emanuel Lutheran Church**
800 Green St., New Haven IN 46774



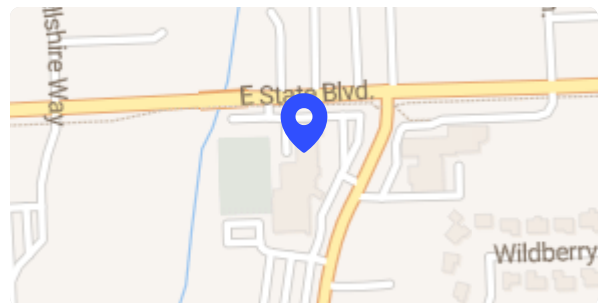
Funeral Service

-  **Saturday, January 31, 2026**
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Cemetery Details

-  **St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery**
7710 E. State Blvd, Fort Wayne IN 46815





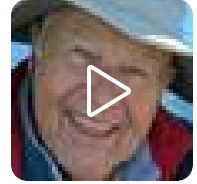
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Harper's Community Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

January 29 at 10:36 AM



Marilyn Messmann lit a candle in honor of Dale.

Our deepest sympathy to the family as you are going through this difficult time. We are praying that God will comfort you in the future, knowing that Dale is at peace now. Christian Mission Circle of Emanuel Lutheran Church.

January 29 at 10:23 AM



The Chang Family sent a Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray to the Hermann family.

January 27 at 11:53 PM



William Boehm posted:

I graduated from New Haven High School class of 1957, same as Dale. Dale and I were on the same basketball team, as was his younger brother Al. (Fritz). Dale was an easy going, no-nonsense, laid back type guy. Everybody loved Dale. At the Hermann's family farm, they had a basketball hoop inside their barn where a group of us guys would gather to practice shooting skills. I talked with Dale at our last class reunion. He mentioned that Joan wasn't doing too good, that she had bad days and good days. I believe all of us attendees could relate to that. Rest in peace ole' friend. I am sad to know you are gone. Bill & Sandy Boehm (Beam)

January 27 at 4:30 PM



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Melinda Crews posted:

I worked with Dale at BFGoodrich -- although it seems strange to call him Dale. He was always "Number One" to me, in so many different ways. I started in 2000 as a new college-graduate engineer so I didn't work with him for long, but his impact has been career-long (26 years and counting). His smile and sense of humor could light up any room, and although we didn't keep in touch after he retired, he's part of the reason I'm still with this company. He was kind, welcoming, and always gave me hope for the future because he was such a good person. I am certain that he's at home in Heaven with Joan -- and Heaven is a much better place with them -- although we've lost a great man on earth. Deepest condolences for your loss; sending prayers and kind thoughts now and always.

January 27 at 12:31 PM



Lana S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dale.



January 26 at 9:08 PM



Lana S. sent a Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White to the Hermann family.



January 26 at 9:08 PM



George-Anna Spriggs sent a virtual gift in honor of Dale.

Lordy, did love this gentle man. He looked the same as when I met him 60 some years ago. I can still hear that snickery giggle when a prank went well or he loved the story you told. May his family know we who shared time with him treasured the joy he brought to life .Georgeanna Parent Spriggs



January 24 at 5:33 PM



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Derreck Schwehn posted:

I'm at the age, at 52 where childhood memories aren't as sticky as they used to be. But I have vivid memories of how amazingly fun, kind, and warm Dale and Joan were as a pair of my middle school Sunday School teachers! Their kids were a little older than our class and they still chose to show us random kids so much love! They even took us to share and enjoy their lake cottage over summer. Absolutely hands down wonderful people. Everyone hopes to make a mark, and Dale (and Joan) left a mark on a random Sunday school kid about being kind. Even though I hadn't seen him since probably 1988, thank you to all the Herman kids for sharing your dad with us back then! What a blessing he was to us then, and what a mark he left on the world. Wishing God's peace for your families now. Derreck Schwehn

January 24 at 3:37 PM



Cathy Werling posted:

" A toast to you! A toast to me! May we never disagree, but if we do ...the heck with you. Toast to me!"

January 24 at 8:37 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dale by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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