



Darrell Lee Aldrich

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Big Rapids - Darrell Lee Aldrich left this earth peacefully in his sleep on February 6, 2026 at the age of 93 after a short illness.

He was born to the late Vern Leroy Aldrich and Clara Lydia (Priest) Aldrich in Ada, Michigan on July 26, 1932, and graduated from Caledonia High School in 1950. Darrell was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps after serving six years during the Korean War.

He retired from Canteen Services in 1997 after 38 years, and then drove for both Marco and Baker Chrysler until he was 92 years old. Darrell was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Am-Vets, and American Legion.

Darrell also worked at East Gate Lanes, and was an avid bowler, golfer, and workaholic. He served as the United States Bowling Congress league secretary in the Big Rapids area for decades. Darrell raced a Hudson Hornet in the 1960's.

He bragged that he raced against two- time Indianapolis 500 winner Gordon Johncock and legendary Michigan short-track racer, John Benson Sr. Darrell and Doris enjoyed and taught line dancing for about eleven years and choreographed Blue Rose together.

They also enjoyed karaoke and many, many friends. Darrell is survived by his wife of 53 years Doris Jean (Vaughn) Aldrich; twelve children, Debra (Mark) Lake, Jennifer Aldrich, Joseph Aldrich, Richard Aldrich, Mary Jo (David) Burd, Pamela (Tim) Bennett, Roger (Michelle) Aldrich, Tim McShane, Jerry (Carri) Aldrich, Chris (Dave) Kandalec, Kathy (Brian) Kenyon, and Michelle (John) Acton; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his ten siblings, and sons David Aldrich, Pat McShane, and David McShane. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026, at the Mohnke Janowicz Funeral Home in Big Rapids, with Pastor Adrian Eising officiating.



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Military Honors will be provided by the Big Rapids American Legion Post #98 and AmVets Post #1941. Darrell's family will greet friends at the funeral home on Thursday, February 12, from 3-6 p.m. and after 10 a.m. on Friday.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made for the Big Rapids Eagles Aerie #2535.



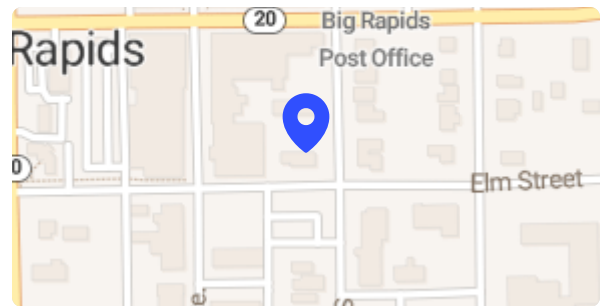
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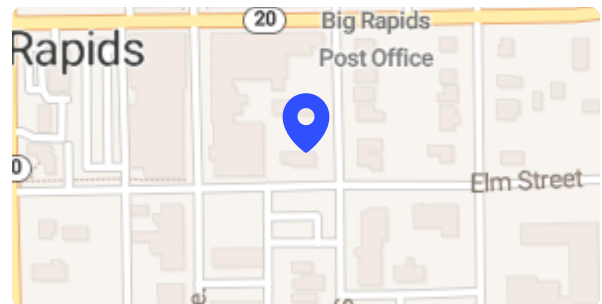
Visitation

- Thursday**, February 12, 2026
- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Mohnke Janowicz Funeral Home**
128 S. Warren Ave., Big Rapids MI 49307



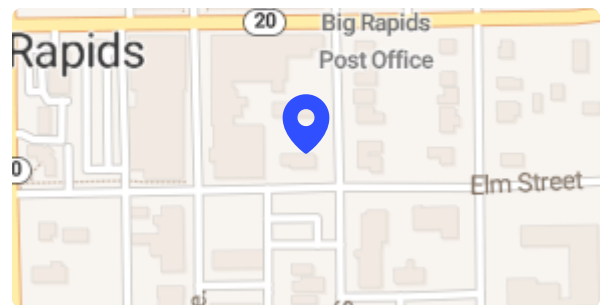
Visitation

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Funeral Service

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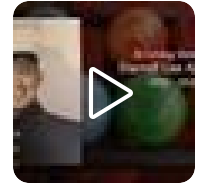
Tribute Wall

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Janowicz Family Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



February 12 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Aldrich family.



February 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Aldrich family.



February 12 at 8:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Aldrich family.



February 11 at 10:57 AM



HI

House Of Flavors Inc. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Darrell.



February 11 at 10:57 AM



DA

David, Karen And Tami Armstrong sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Aldrich family.



February 10 at 3:00 PM



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Cynthia T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Darrell.



February 10 at 1:27 PM



Cheryl Lambert posted:

Some of my fondest memories are of the Aldrich reunion. When I was a child our family would stay at Uncle Don and Aunt Alice's house in Caledonia. The Aldrich family still gathers at Gunn Lake every year in July, and Uncle Darrell was always friendly and greeted everyone there. Such good memories I will always cherish. We will miss you Uncle, and think about you with love and gratitude for having you in our lives. 🥹😊❤️🙏👤

February 8 at 6:51 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Aldrich family.



February 8 at 3:30 PM



Angie Hughes planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Darrell.



February 8 at 3:30 PM



Karen Ferguson Bagwell lit a candle in honor of Darrell.

I'll remember Darrell as a dedicated and loving husband to Doris. He was a trusted partner for so very long; she was (and is) deserving of that! Well done Darrell.



February 8 at 1:07 PM



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Jeannie (Wilk) Pritchard lit a candle in honor of Darrell.

I'm so sorry for your loss! You are all in my prayers and thoughts! Jeannie Pritchard (Pamela's former co-worker at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company)

February 8 at 2:48 AM



James Kelley posted:

Every time I saw Darrell and Doris was a favorite memory. They were the first couple I met at Sportsmans Karaoke in Newaygo I wish I had known Darrell for many more years.

February 7 at 11:21 AM



Dave & Cheryl (Aldrich) Lambert & Family sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Aldrich family.

February 7 at 12:40 AM



Steve & Kim Ramsey And Family sent a Serene Retreat to the Aldrich family.

February 6 at 8:41 PM



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Sandra Kent posted:

My fondest memory of Darrell was hearing him sing 🎤 karaoke at The Sportsmans Club on Friday nights with Doris and the rest of our friends! He had a beautiful voice but an even more beautiful heart ❤️ I knew I could always be certain of a big hug and kiss from him when we'd arrive and another when we left. I only had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Darrell for 9 of his 93 years but I'm happy I got to get to know him like I did. He will TRULY BE MISSED ❤️ that's certain ❤️ 👤 Rest In Peace My Dear Friend 😊 We know Heaven has gained another BEAUTIFUL VOICE for its Angelic Choir 🎤 😊

February 6 at 5:25 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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