

Darold Allan Bihrlé, 87, a longtime resident of Wheaton, Minn., passed away March 13, 2024 at Sanford Medical Center in Wheaton.

Darold was born July 9, 1936, in Sisseton, S.D. to Harry and Amanda Bihrlé, who moved to Wheaton shortly thereafter. He was baptized, and later confirmed in the Christian faith at Hope Lutheran Church in Wheaton.

Darold graduated from Wheaton High School in 1954, participating in football, basketball and his favorite sport, baseball. A couple of years later he met his life-long partner, Connie Jacobson (WHS class of 1957), and they were married on Aug. 23, 1958.

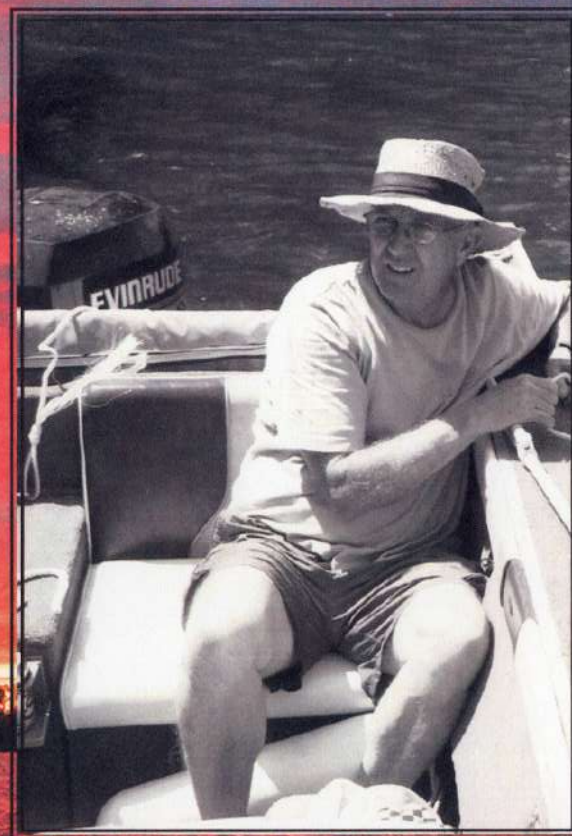
Darold received his pharmacy degree from the North Dakota College of Agriculture (now NDSU) in 1959, and started working full time for Larry Hokanson at Corner Drug in Wheaton. In 1969 he purchased the store on Wheaton's Main Street, and was sole proprietor until he retired in 1993. He continued to take on pharmacy relief work in surrounding communities for many years.

In addition to his work life, Darold was an avid hunter and angler, guitar picker, singer, golfer and sports fan. He also served as a volunteer fireman, was on the Wheaton Country Club board when the golf course converted from sand to grass greens, and attended and worshipped at Bethlehem Covenant Church, where for many years he organized a popular annual wild game feed.

Darold is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Connie Bihrlé, and six children: Craig (Liz) Bihrlé, Park Rapids, Minn.; David (Michele) Bihrlé, Rice Lake, Wis.; Becky Bihrlé Keller, Minneapolis; Carrie Bihrlé, Flagler Beach, Fla.; Stefanie (Matt) Anders, Boise, Id; and Sara (Jeff) Ahrens, Madelia, Minn. He was also an enthusiastic, proud and loving "Papa" to 13 grandchildren: Laura (Marc) Orrock and Danny (Machen) Bihrlé; Matt and Michael Bihrlé; Clay, Britt and Hanson Keller; Lily and Henry Murphy; Sage and Evan Anders; and Eli and Ella Ahrens; and one great-granddaughter, Farris Bihrlé.

He is also survived by brothers- and sisters-in-law Joey (Jacobson) and Tony Walthall, Baxter, Minn.; Kerwin (Jacobson) Donat, Alexandria, Minn., and Jill (Jacobson) and Ron McCullar, Wheaton; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Amanda Bihrlé; father- and mother-in-law Lawrence and Dora (Bucky) Jacobson; sister Doris Moede, brother Don Bihrlé, an infant sister, and brothers-in-law Neal Moede and Dick Donat.

In Memory of Darold Bihrlé





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July 9, 1936 - March 13, 2024

Memorial Service

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 11 a.m.
Bethlehem Covenant Church, Wheaton, Minn.

Pastor Tim Shekleton Officiating

Pianist

Cheryl Shekleton

Special Music

Matt Bihrlé and Michael Bihrlé

Scripture Readers

Laura (Bihrlé) Orrock and Danny Bihrlé

Urn Bearers

Darold's grandchildren: Laura (Bihrlé) Orrock and Danny Bihrlé; Matt and Michael Bihrlé; Clay, Britt and Hanson Keller; Lily and Henry Murphy; Sage and Evan Anders; and Eli and Ella Ahrens.

Burial

At Wildwood Cemetery, Wheaton, will take place at a later date.

The Bihrlé family invites everyone to join them for lunch and fellowship in the church community room following the service.



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