



## Delmer Dau

November 2, 1940 - July 9, 2014

A memorial service for 73 year old Delmer Dau of Spirit Lake will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. A memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake.

Delmer Lee Dau, the son of Delbert and Vera (Meyer) Dau, was born on November 2, 1940 in Sutherland, Iowa. He graduated from Calumet High School in 1960. On June 19, 1960, Delmer was united in marriage with Sandra Hoger in Paullina, Iowa. He owned and operated Dau Construction. Delmer was an avid sportsman. He played basketball for the Calumet Indians and his team advanced to the State Tournament all four years of his high school career. In 1959, his junior season, Delmer paced the 29-1 Indians to a state championship. At one time or another during his career, Delmer held practically every State Tournament scoring record. Delmer passed up a full ride scholarship to play basketball at the University of Iowa to start his construction company. In 1983 he was inducted into the Iowa High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Delmer was also a great baseball player and played semipro baseball for the Paullina Lakers.

Delmer also had a love for the outdoors and enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing and golf. Some of his favorite times were spent fishing at Leech Lake and elk hunting in Colorado. Delmer also enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting activities---he was always one of their biggest fans.

Delmer passed away on July 9, 2014, at the Select Specialty Hospital in Sioux

Falls, South Dakota.

Left to cherish Delmer's memory is his wife of 54 years, Sandra; two sons, Douglas Dau and his wife September and David Dau and his wife Nancy all of Spirit Lake; six grandchildren, Drew, Adam, Alex, Emma, Erin and Cameron; one sister, Barbara Dau of Holstein; and three brothers, Roger Dau of Le Mars, Daniel Dau of Calumet and Lloyd Dau of Calumet. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Condolences may be left at [www.spirit lakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Doug and family, very sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Read his obituary...wow....what an athlete and good man. Thinking of you at this difficult time. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mike Scott - July 28, 2014 at 03:29 PM

DF

“ Sandy and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I'm glad I got the chance to antelope hunt with Delmer and Lloyd a few years back (07-08). It made me think of the times I got to hunt with them and my dad when I was young--great memories. My dad always talked about how great a person Delmer was. Delmar and Lloyd were my hunting heroes when I was young.

Dan and Connie Fischer - July 27, 2014 at 01:52 PM

JF

“ Sandy, we are greatly saddened to hear of Delmer's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Very fondly, The Jeff Lenz Family

Jeff Lenz Family - July 21, 2014 at 08:50 AM

BF

“ Doug, Sandy David, and families-- We give you our sincerest sympathy for your loss. Hold on to each other and the many special memories and love that you shared, they'll get you through! Take care of yourselves and know he's still with you! Smiles will come.....

Bruce & Mary Fiddelke - July 20, 2014 at 11:37 AM

DD

“ Sandy, Doug, David was sorry to hear about Delmar he was a good husband & father.

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**Doris Dau** - July 17, 2014 at 08:58 PM

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**Doris Dau** - July 17, 2014 at 08:58 PM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. I went to school in Calumet and Delmer was my basketball idol. I went to every game and on to state. Infact I think I still have a scrap book with his pictures with the team. Let all of the wonderful memories of Delmer help you get through the days ahead.

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**Julie Thiesen** - July 16, 2014 at 09:08 PM

JR

“ Sandy and family,

*So sorry to hear of Delmar's passing. Hold high the wonderful memories you have of your life together... those memories will see you through this time of pain.*

*I can't help but think that he and Dennis have a "b.b. game" going up there somewhere!*

*Respectfully, Joan Runge*

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**Joan Runge** - July 16, 2014 at 04:46 PM

VD

“ Sandy and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you through these difficult days. You are in my thoughts and prayers !  
God did not promise day's without pain , laughter without sorrow, nor sun without rain but...  
He did promise , strength for the day , comfort the tears and light for the way .....

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**Valerie (Sholly) Dittman** - July 16, 2014 at 12:44 AM

SB

“ Sandy and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I am one of the 7 girls in his H.S. class and we all admired Delmar. He was a super nice guy and loved to watch him play basketball. He made us proud of our little school. I loved to pic of him on facebook in his short, short BB shorts. So glad we all got to visit at our 50th class reunion. Love and prayers for you all.

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**Shirley Bennett** - July 15, 2014 at 12:47 PM

DR

“ Sandy and family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss of Delmar. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Donna Dirks and Yvonne Rehder** - July 15, 2014 at 11:07 AM

PR

“ Dear Dau family,  
So sorry to hear about Delmer. He gave many people lots of memories. Hugs and prayers to all.

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**Peg Rick** - July 13, 2014 at 03:56 PM

GF

“ I wish to express my sympathy to you and your family at this time of your loss . He was a great guy and will be missed by many , but think of all the memories you have to get you through this difficult time . I am sure he is doing carpenter work in heaven , he was always busy doing carpenter work . Take one day at time. God bless you .

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**Gretchen (Straub) Funk** - July 12, 2014 at 02:52 PM

CS

“ Delmer Dau

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**Chad Schuchert** - July 12, 2014 at 01:21 PM

AF

“ My family and I are sorry for your loss. My dad has been an employee of Dau construction for years. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to be with you at this time. May God lift you up so that you will have the strength you need to make it through your time of sorrow.

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**Angela (Sholly) Sanow and family** - July 12, 2014 at 12:33 PM

RH

“ To the whole Dau family--we send our heartfelt condolences to you all! Rog and Jesse have worked with Delmar many times. They both have always said that they had never worked with a nicer or more honorable man! Rog told me many times---"He was one heck of a hard worker!!!" Please know that we have your in our thoughts at this sad time!! Rog, Judy, Jesse Hagedorn

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**Roger, Judy, and Jesse Hagedorn** - July 12, 2014 at 11:45 AM

SV

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Delmer's passing. He was such a nice guy, always treated our family well. I'm sure he and Larry will be working on many projects together! Your family is in our prayers....deepest sympathies.

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**Sarah Page Verrips** - July 12, 2014 at 11:27 AM

TM

“ Growing up in Calumet and loving basketball at a young age of 6 or 7, Delmar was a guy I really looked up to because of the way he played. I remember running around dribbling the basketball in the Calumet gym holding my tongue out the side of my mouth, because that's what Delmar Dau did! :), and then later I admired his business savvy. My condolences to all of you.

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**Tim Menke** - July 12, 2014 at 10:28 AM

AN

“ Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

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**Amy, Kylie and Leah Ness** - July 12, 2014 at 08:57 AM

DB

“ Sandy and family, So sorry to hear of Delmars passing. Don has such good memories of Delmar when they played ball for Paullina team!! Also memories of band playing in your garage at Calumet. Our son Kenny said that was his first "gig"...With our sympathy! Don and Shirley Bright

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**Don Bright** - July 11, 2014 at 10:45 PM

DA

“ Sandy & family, I remember doing carpet work for you and Delmer at Arthur Heights. Delmer and you both were a joy to work with. Delmer was so down to Earth. What a great guy. You are in our prayers, God Bless you.

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**Dean & Peg Adams** - July 11, 2014 at 10:24 PM

JF

“ Sandy and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of Delmer. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this difficult time.  
Judy Forbes

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**Judy Forbes** - July 11, 2014 at 08:35 PM

MM

“ There are many things I remember about Delmer but one sticks in my mind was the white cap, and always a pencil behind the ear. If there is some building to do in heaven I am sure God will be happy to finally see Delmer. He will be missed.

*Mona Weathers McDonald*

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**Mona McDonald** - July 11, 2014 at 05:09 PM

BR

“ Sandy & family,

*We are so sorry to hear of Delmer's passing. He was a great guy and I have many fond memories of him during high school. He was a friend to everyone and I never heard or saw him mistreat anyone. He was always smiling and very friendly. I remember the Mercury he bought one time, with the Lakes Pipes so low on the sides you couldn't put a pack of cigarettes on it's side under them. If my memory isn't totally gone, I believe it was pink! I always had a lot of respect for Delmer.*

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**Bill & Linda Riebesell** - July 11, 2014 at 04:53 PM

MM

“ Sandy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Hard to believe such a vibrant life has been take away. Hang on to the wonderful memories you have of special times with Delmer. Our deepest sympathy. Fred & Margaret

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**Margaret McKim** - July 11, 2014 at 02:40 PM

JB

“ Sandy and family we want to give you our complete and sincere thoughts and prayers of the passing of Delmer. He was a good man and true friend to us. I enjoyed fishing with him on Lloyds dock on Silver Lake. He will be missed by many.

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**Jim & Annie Bauer** - July 11, 2014 at 11:05 AM

RC

“ Sandy & family, We are sorry for your loss. We have many wonderful memories of times together. Our prayers are with you all. Kaye & Rod.

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**Rod &Kaye Carlson** - July 11, 2014 at 09:17 AM

TR

“ *Sandy and family,*

*We will always cherish the fond memories that we have shared with all of you over the years. It was a special joy to have Delmer work with us on the farm as a young man, along with the carpentry expertise he provided for us.*

*Memories will see you through this loss and our gracious Savior will guide you into the future.*

*Sincere sympathy and love from Curt and Betty*

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**The Rehder's** - July 11, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JM

“ *Sandy and family. Everyone lost a great friend.our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Don and janice meyer*

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**Janice meyer** - July 10, 2014 at 10:04 PM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time.*

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**Bill & Colleen (Lake) Barker** - July 10, 2014 at 09:48 PM

CW

“ *So sorry for the loss of Delmer. Remembering all of you in our prayers during this time of trial. Peace and Blessings.*

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**Caryn and Wendell** - July 10, 2014 at 09:24 PM

JW

“ We just want the family to know that you all are in our thoughts & prayers. Delmar had a heart of gold.

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**Jerry & Kathy Welter** - July 10, 2014 at 09:05 PM