



Darwin Lee Daily

January 28, 1958 - April 23, 2026

Darwin Lee Daily 68 of Grand Island went to his Heavenly Home on Thursday, April 23, 2026, surrounded by family at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 4-6 PM Wednesday, April 29th at St. Leo's Catholic Church with a 6 PM Christian Wake Service.

Memorial Mass will be at 10:30 AM Thursday, April 30th at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Mass is celebrated by Father Don Buhrman. Burial of Ashes will be at 2 PM in the Kearney Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials are suggested to be offered to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Darwin was born on January 28, 1958, in Kearney, NE the son of Dallas and Barbara (Owen) Daily. He graduated from Kearney High School in 1977.

Darwin built custom homes for 10 years working for Rockford Custom Builders.

On April 25, 1981, he was united in marriage to Veronica 'Vikki' Homan. This union was blessed with two sons, Chace and Cobey.

In 1987 Darwin answered a calling to public service and became a Nebraska State Patrolman, graduating from Camp 33 on December 11, 1987. He moved his family to Grand Island in December of that year.

Throughout his 30-year career with the Nebraska State Patrol, Darwin became part of the Speed Team in 1991, was certified as an Accident Reconstructionist in 1994, and became a leader of Troop C as Sergeant based out of Hastings on December 17, 2001. He retired on November 1,

2017.

Darwin enjoyed anything in the outdoors including hunting, fishing, camping, yardwork and gardening. As an Eagle Scout himself, he served as a leader in Troop 119 guiding both his boys as they each received their Eagle Scout rank as well. His belief that “conservation is the future” led him to serve as the Grand Island Chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, ensuring the wilderness he loved would be there for his children and grandchildren to explore.

At the heart of Darwin’s world was his wife of 45 years, Vikki. He was a proud father and cherished every moment spent with his sons and their spouses, Chace (Andrea) Daily of Fargo, ND and Cobey (Amanda) Daily of Springdale, Arkansas. His grandchildren became the center of everything as he cherished every moment with all five, Colton, Pearl, Benton, Scarlett and Tatum. He is preceded by his parents.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

APR **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church
2410 S Blaine St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 382-4753

Christian Wake Service

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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Memorial Mass

APR **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RS

“ I don't know if Darwin ever knew this, but I really looked up to him, and valued his opinion while we were growing up. I regret I did not maintain closer contact with him over the years. Peace to all who mourn the loss of this good man.

Randy Schulze - April 29 at 09:55 AM

JG

“ Prayers for Vikki and family 🙏🙏🙏
Joe Grabowski

Joe Grabowski - April 28 at 08:18 PM

WF

“ With love, The Thurs Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



With love, The Thurs Family - April 28 at 06:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



April 28 at 12:41 PM

AC

“ Alex & Amy Cole purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



Alex & Amy Cole - April 28 at 11:15 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



April 28 at 10:25 AM

RS

“ Darwin was an excellent leader for our Scout Troop and was instrumental in helping our son get his Eagle Scout. We appreciated his commitment to excellence in every thing he did.



He will be missed. Our prayers for you all during this difficult time.

Rick & Cathy Sekora - April 27 at 04:32 PM

DF

“ Darwin went through Patrol Basic while I was assigned to the State Patrol Training Academy. He was a quiet leader, never demonstrative but always getting the job done. He was studious and thorough in all his time at the Academy. Anything he did, it was always to the best of his abilities and just as though he was going to put his name on it. I am saddened to learn of his passing. He will be missed.

Darrell Fisher

Darrell Fisher - April 27 at 09:48 AM

NC

“ Nolan & Cassidy purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



Nolan & Cassidy - April 26 at 06:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Darwin Lee Daily.



April 26 at 04:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Darwin Lee Daily.

April 26 at 04:50 PM