

LUNOW UPDATE JULY 2024

Wolfgang (Dan) Lunow (April 24, 1933—June 7, 2024) CELEBRATION OF LIFE

“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” II Timothy 2:1-3

Raised in Nazi Germany, Wolfgang (Dan) joined Hitler’s Youth at 8 years of age; he aspired to be part of the elite SS soldiers. His parents were atheists. With loss of the war and despite post-war hardships, he finished school and entered an agricultural apprenticeship, working on a farm and going to classes in winter. He was given the opportunity to work on a farm in Wisconsin and immigrated to the US in 1954.

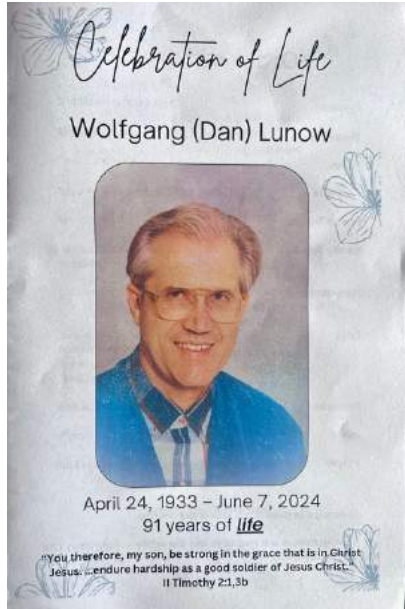
A year later, after refusing to go to church with the farmer again, he heard a sermon on the radio from a church in Minneapolis MN. He was confronted with a question from God, “What’s it going to be; Me, or you?” A couple weeks later, he visited that church and even though he knew nothing about God, he asked God to be his new commander-in-chief; and his life was never the same again.

He entered the University of Minnesota in pre-med, but soon discovered his gift in languages and linguistics. He met Barbara, his wife of 63 years, while in college. They have 5 children; Lorraine, David and Jonathan, Marie and Matthew.

They served in Papua, Indonesia (the island of New Guinea) with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) for over 40 years. Dan focused on pastoral training and translation for the Sougb, a tribe of 13,000. The ministry grew to 66 churches and more than 6000 baptized believers. He translated the Sougb New Testament, a shorter Old Testament, along with NT commentaries and other doctrinal/teaching booklets.

Upon returning to the US in 2001, he continued another 12 years in translation and returned to the field several times for pastoral training and translation checks. In retirement he remained active teaching adult Sunday School, a weekly Bible study, and faithfully met for Tuesday morning prayer with Pastor Mickey, Ed White, and Johnny Fite. Now through marriage, Dan & Barbara Lunow family includes 8 children, 11 grand-children, and 3 great-grand-children, who follow Christ & help people.

“The faithful love of the LORD never ends...great is His faithfulness...” Lam.3:22-23



My friend, Dan Lunow
 Another warrior has gone home
 His final battle done
 His path of service long and hard
 But victory is won.
 He strove to serve the king of earth
 But better served his King
 I hear the music of the blest
 In grateful chorus ring.
 He answered well the call to arms
 To take the gospel truth
 And share with those who had not heard
 The Way, the Life, the Truth.
 His greatest battle on his knees
 His heart with Christ his Lord
 His greatest victory to share
 The meaning of God's Word.
 Oh, warrior, you are called to rest
 Your work on earth is done
 Rejoice his people, now rejoice,
 His final victory's won.
 --Kathleen Stevenson



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