



Harley James Earwicker

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Harley James Earwicker died peacefully, surrounded by family, on February 4th, 2026. A native of Nevada, Iowa, Harley was born to David Allen Earwicker and Lucy Belle (McKee) Earwicker on August 27, 1930. He served in the United States Marine Corps, and later graduated from Fresno State College with a Business degree and Pepperdine University with a Juris Doctorate. His career included service as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego, as an attorney in private practice in Escondido, as Attorney General of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Marshall Islands), and as a Municipal and Superior Court Judge in San Diego County, retiring in 1998.

Harley was predeceased by the love of his life, Barbara Ann (Higgins) Earwicker, whom he married on August 6th, 1961, and who passed on June 22, 2011. He is survived by his children Annmarie, David (Chris), Diane (Tristan), Adam (Christina), and James (Suzanna). He leaves behind the great joys of his life, his grandchildren Emily, Elyse, Joseph, Kati, Megan, Joel, Serena, Alana and Bri, and great-grandchildren Greyson, Maisy, Roen Harley, and Margot. A small memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church (845 Chestnut Street, Escondido) on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Barbara and Harley Earwicker Scholarship Endowment at the University of North Dakota. Barbara and Harley were long-time advocates for education in all its forms and their legacy advances meaningful scientific learning and communication. Donations can be made through the UND Foundation and designated to the “Earwicker Award” in the Memo line. Checks may be mailed to the UND Alumni Association & Foundation, 3501 University Ave., Stop 8157, Grand Forks, ND 58202. For online



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donations, visit: <https://undalumni.org/giving-impact/index.html>, select “Give Now”, then “Click here to select your fund” and type in “Earwicker Award” to select the correct Endowment.



Tribute Wall

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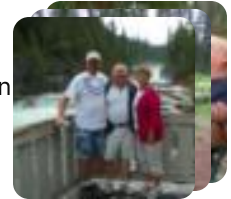
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Robert Allen shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Wonderful visit with Harley at Montana cabin and day trip to Glacier National Park in 2012. Vicki and Robert Allen

February 28 at 2:10 PM



Dana Sabraw posted:

Harley was my mentor judge when I was on the North County Municipal Court, where I served from September 1995 to November 1998. He was a great mentor and advisor, always calm and dignified, and so comforting to be around. He was a class act on and off the bench. Every morning when I showed up at work (our Chambers were next to each other) there would be a gathering of our colleagues in his Chambers. He had such a warm and engaging manner with everyone and we all gravitated toward him ... hence, our morning coffee time with Harley. There was no better way to start the day. I have some of Harley's mementos in my Chambers to this day. It's always nice to feel I have a part of him looking over me at work. I will miss him very much. Dana M. Sabraw

February 19 at 9:57 PM



Diane Darland shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

The Darland family had a terrific time exploring North Dakota and the Grand Forks area with Dad when he stayed with us for a few weeks in the summer of 2024.

This image was one that we took overlooking Theodore Roosevelt National Park in the western part of the state. Dad was always up for an adventure, particularly if it involved being outdoors. We went with Dad and Annmarie to Yellowstone around Father's Day in 2015. We shared much laughter, played many card games, and had quiet moments interspersed. Many wonderful memories to hold close in the days, months, and years to come.

February 13 at 9:23 PM



Staci Stearns shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Thank you Harley for modeling unconditional love and finding joy in the moment. Your love will always be with us.

February 15 at 3:28 PM





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Patti Ratekin sent a virtual gift in honor of Harley.

Rest in peace Harley. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Patti Ratekin

February 13 at 9:23 PM





Robert Allen shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 28 at 2:10 PM





Diane Darland shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 15 at 5:06 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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