



## Darwin Zaske

March 20, 1949 - May 4, 2003

Darwin Erhard Zaske was born to his parents Erhard and Velere Mae (Redfield) Zaske on March 20, 1949 in the Wesley Hospital in Wadena. He passed away at his home in North Oaks this past Sunday. Darwin was confirmed in the Salem United Methodist Church in Deer Creek in 1964. He graduated Valedictorian of his class at Deer Creek High School in 1967. He attended the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy and received his Doctorate in 1973. He had multiple research interests in Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic studies of antimicrobials and cardiovascular geriatric drug therapy. Before Darwin began teaching in the Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Minnesota, he did research at the Ramsey County Medical Burn Center. He assisted with writing over 50 different articles abstracted by the National Library of Medicine. Darwin was internationally known and traveled the world lecturing on his research. Darwin enjoyed spending time outdoors and had many flower beds in his yard. He purchased his current home from Senator Walter Mondale. Darwin was preceded in death by his parents, Erhard and Velere, and his brother Douglas. He is survived by his cousins, aunts and many nieces and nephews. Burial will take place next to his parents in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Deer Creek. For those traveling from the Twin Cities, it is about a 3 hour drive. Take Interstate 94 west to Sauk Centre. Turn and go north on US 71 to Wadena (one hour drive). At the first set of stop lights (Cozy Theater corner) turn left on Colfax (Highway 29) and go west out of town. Deer Creek is 9 miles from Wadena on

Highway 29. The church is located on Main Street in Deer Creek, west end.  
You should notice our white funeral coach parked on the street at the church.

# Tribute Wall

MO

“ Darwin always had a positive, hopeful approach to life, in spite of the adversities he had regarding his health. His good cheer and optimistic approach to life will be missed.

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**Mary Owens** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Darwin always found time to stop by just to say hello and brighten up your day. He had an amazing way of making people feel better about themselves. His contributions to the profession are renowned. Darwin was a dear man, and we've lost someone very special. Our deepest sympathies and prayers to his family and loved ones.

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**Tom Lackner** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Darwin was a good friend, a good colleague and a great scientist whose contributions to pharmacokinetics, particularly the Sawchuk-Zaske Model, will have a profound effect on the field for a long time. He will be deeply missed.

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**Tom Shier** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I'm going to miss Darwin in many ways, but most of all I will miss the conversations we had about analyzing the Gopher mens basketball team before, during and after the season. He loved Gopher basketball. It's rare to find a person who was as brilliant as Darwin was, but also had the unique quality of being able to relate to many different people he came in contact with. He had those long coattails many people hopped on for a ride with, and he obliged them. He always treated me kindness and respect, and for that I will never forget him. God bless.

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**David Heerwald** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ You were a great teacher Dr. Zaske. Thank you. God bless.

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**John D. Sanford** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Darwin was a pioneer of clinical pharmacy; his legacy will endure, but his passing leaves our discipline much poorer, indeed.

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**Courtney V. Fletcher** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Darwin was always cheerful and gracious. Despite problems with his health, he was friendly and upbeat. I admired his persistence in the face of adversity. He always had a friendly "hi, how are you?" when I saw him - and it was genuine. I will miss his presence in the college.

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**Cindy Singleton** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I will always think of Darwin as a gentleman and a scholar who I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with. He was truly a pioneer in his chosen profession and an inspiration to countless clinical pharmacists who followed his lead. He will be missed by those who knew him well.

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**Bradley A. Boucher** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Darwin was a leader in the infant days of pharmaceutical care in Minnesota and his contributions to the discipline will continue to help both patients and practitioners.

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**Jennifer L. Graham** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Darwin was one of those rare individuals who was able to challenge the unknowns in his professional practice and still have a sound grounding in his own identity. He inspired me as a graduate student to pursue excellence, become a contributor to the advancement of science, and seek to improve the outcomes of the patients we care for. As a faculty colleague he was a consistent voice for the just causes and always there to provide mentorship and guidance. As a friend his gentle nature and his love for people will be his legacy.

*It is with a heavy heart that I express my condolences to those whom Darwin loved and treasured.*

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**Gary R. Matzke** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Darwin was a leader and mentor for all of us who grew up with clinical pharmacy - He will be greatly missed.

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**Richard Slaughter** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EA

“ *He was a kind person who was always willing to help. He had a passion for his work. We will miss our friend and colleague.*

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**Elizabeth Andersen** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *I remember Darwin as a person who you could go to with a problem or question and he was always eager to help you find answers.*

*His cheerfulness and great knowledge will be sorely missed.*

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**Jackie Hulbert** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *I was one of Darwin's secretaries in the Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology. He was always such a friendly and caring person, he will be missed.*

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**Amy Eliason** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *To the Loved Ones of Darwin Zaske:*

*Darwin was a wonderful colleague whom we shall sadly miss.*

*From David Grant  
College of Pharmacy*

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**Miss Randi Tesdahl** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Darwin was a professor in the Department of Experimental and Clinical Pharmacology where I am secretary. He was a kind and gentle man and will be missed.

Cindy Boyle - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Darwin leaves a legacy to the profession of pharmacy. He was always willing to help and educate.

Harvey Arbit - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Darwin was always interested in knowing what others in pharmacy were doing, and provided advise, support and words of encouragement. He was a leader for us in pharmacy. Go in peace.

Chris Jolowsky - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Darwin was an extremely bright man and a strong advocate for clinical pharmacy. I worked under him for a short period of time, but I quickly could see his knowledge and value that he brought to pharmacy and health care.

Ann McNamara - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Just recently Darwin was trying to get different pharmacy interests together and talk about problems and solutions. He continued to make a difference in Pharmacy and I know that he will be remembered. Thank you and God Bless you.

Michael A. Kelly - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Darwin's death. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends.

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**Mike Bofenkamp** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Darwin has left a significant legacy in the pharmacy world. Be at peace, Darwin.

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**Marilyn Speedie** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Darwin made the clinical pharmacy world go round. The "Gent Dosing" service provided many of us with an understandable value and expertise to enter the patient care arena and engage in all aspects of care, not just crunching the numbers.  
A lot of us stood on Darwin's shoulders.  
I owe him. Be at peace, Darwin.

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**David M. Angaran** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Goodbye Darwin...You touched many students lives at UM, and in addition to making wonderful professional contributions to the field of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, you were a great guy, serious yet caring and compassionate. Thank you.

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**Nicole Erickson** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Darwin was a legend in the professional of pharmacy. He was truly one of the "father's of clinical pharmacy". He was a major factor in getting pharmacists involved in patient care and out of the pharmacy, esp. in the hospital setting. He organized what many would say was the most gifted group of clinical hospital pharmacists in the US for over 2 decades, many of whom have become leaders in the own right. And yet, Darwin lead by example and let people carve out their own careers. Darwin died too young. He will be sorely missed!

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**John Rotschafer** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Darwin is someone I have always looked up to. As a Pharm.D. resident at St. Paul Ramsey, I and my classmates were in awe of Dr. Zaske. After I graduated in 1980, Darwin provided me with my first paid speaking engagement, about aminoglycoside dosing! Over the years, we became friends and would enjoy catching up whenever we saw each other at national meetings we were attending.

One of my favorite memories of Darwin is during an advisory board meeting for a new antibiotic at the Drake Hotel in Chicago in the mid '80s. Darwin was leading the meeting and I was one of the attendees. The sponsors had provided us with many bottles of champagne and we sat well into the next morning watching movies, talking, laughing, and drinking champagne.

Darwin was a founding member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, for which I work. This organization now has nearly 8000 members worldwide and is a leading force in the pharmacy world.

We are all going to miss him, both personally and professionally.

Peggy Kuehl

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**Peggy Kuehl** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Darwin served as my teacher and mentor as I worked on my PhD at Univ of Minn. My dissertation examining the cost benefit of treating burned victims was a result of the work he pioneered. I will always have him in my prayers for his contributions to my career. May god take care of him forever and ever.

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**J Lyle Bootman** - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KI

“ According to a pharmacist I work with you are the father of the research in Pharmacy Kinetics. It has been an eye opening experience hearing about all the research you have contributed that many people worldwide will benefit from. Darwin - you left a mark on this world that many of us in your family never knew. God Bless.

Kristie Invie - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ Darwin was a pioneer in the development of clinical pharmacy services. His publications dealing with clinical pharmacokinetics were outstanding and helped change the field. Although I have not seen Darwin in a number of years, I considered him to be a professional colleague and will miss him.

William A. Miller - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Darwin, Thank you for your contributions to the pharmacy profession and the post-graduate training programs at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center. Many pharmacists have enjoyed successful clinical careers and critically ill patients receive better care because of your achievements. As a colleague, you were always ready to listen and willing to help. You will be remembered as a pioneer in the profession. God bless you.

Debra Skaar - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ I knew him when he was very little when my folks would go to see his folks.

Robert C Zaske - May 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM