

Daniel E. Golike | 1949-2015

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Daniel E. Golike, 65, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, in Decatur.

A public memorial service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Dan was born Nov. 7, 1949, to Charles and Lois Golike of Bethalto, Ill. He grew up on their farm near Princeton, Minn., where the family owned Go-Britt Kennels. They attended a small country Evangelical Free Church and enjoyed many precious friendships there.

The family moved to Colorado, and Dan graduated from Grand Junction High School and Mesa Junior College. He attended Colorado State University on a football scholarship and later attended Beth Eden Baptist Bible College. He was active in football, choir and other musical and ministry activities and tours, and he loved assisting church youth groups with horse and backpacking trips, camping trips and climbing expeditions.

With a long history of horsemanship and a love for Arabian horses, Dan owned and operated Wind Crystal Farms near Decatur, focusing on the development of noteworthy bloodlines. He showed horses and also enjoyed training and conditioning horses for long-distance endurance racing.

Dan's faith in Christ sustained him through life's losses and injuries. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Terri Golike; son Lincoln Golike and wife, Kerri, and two grandchildren; brother Kevin Golike and wife, Gloria, and sister Gaile Thulson and husband, Mark.