

Minnesota Pipe Organ Tuners and Technicians from History

[Twin Cities-based, unless otherwise stated. This list doesn't constitute endorsement. It is an historic list of deceased and retired organ technicians.]

ARNESON, D[avid] Byron (deceased) (Mpls.). Active 1950s-1960s.

<https://www.lowefuneralhome.com/obituary/David-Arneson>

BENDER, Mr. Bender is known to have worked with Harold Holmgren in the 1930's-40's.

BERGER, Earl. Installed several organs in MN. Active 1970s-1980s.

BURFEIND, Murray Albert (deceased). Goodhue, MN. Active 1960s-1990s. Renovated the Kilgen organ at Sheldon Theater, Red Wing, MN.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/murray-burfeind-obituary?pid=197335487>

ERICKSON, Tom (retired, Red Wing, MN). Former Casavant Rep.

FELLOWS, Arthur (deceased) Former Casavant Rep.

FRUHSTUCK PIPE ORGAN SERVICE (Charles Fruhstuck) (deceased)

FRYKMAN, John (deceased) Reuter representative, died 2008.

GOULD, Clarence (deceased) Former Moller installer. Active 1950s-1980s.

HAUGH, Martha (deceased). Known for carrying her vacuum and keeping pipe chambers spotless! (Some referred to her as "Organ Annie")

HENDRICKSON ORGAN CO. (St. Peter, MN). (Charles Hendrickson) (died 2021). Active 1960s-2005.

HOLMGREN, Harold (Kilgen rep in Mpls.). Active 1920s-1960s. Died 1984.

IVERSON, Harry O. (deceased). Former Rep. for several companies, including Moller and Wicks. Active 1930s-1950s.

LURTH, Robert (deceased) (Active: 1960s-1990s) (Mankato, MN)

NELSON ORGAN CO. (Wolverton, MN). Michael D. N. Nelson. Active in 1987.

OBERMEYER, Johnny (deceased) (Active: 1950s-1990s). Representative for Schlicker and Moller.

RUTZ, Roland (retired) (Morristown, MN) Active: 1980s-2020.

SCHULZ, Gordon. Active 1950s-1980s.

ULM ORGELWERKE (New Ulm, MN). Howard Nolte.

VanDAALEN, Jan. Born 1938 in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Worked for Fonteyn en Gaal of Amsterdam, 1954-1958 and 1961-1964; with E. F. Walcker & Cie. of Ludwigsburg (West Germany), 1958-1960; Masters exam at Ludwigsburg School of Music Instrument Building, 1960; with Hallman Organbuilding Co., Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, 1964-1968; established Van Daalen Organbuilding of Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1969 and active until 1989. Representative of the Van Daalen firm of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands (in Prescott, Arizona, by 1996).

VOGELPOHL [& SONS] & SPAETH. Active from 1890-1921 including several generations. Partnership of Herman H. Vogelpohl and Jacob C. Spaeth from 1890-1913; succeeded by H. H. Vogelpohl & Sons.