



Dean L. Karges

September 1, 1937 - September 23, 2017

Dean L. Karges, 80, Oriska, ND, died on September 23, 2017, following an eleven-week stay at Farmstead Care, an Assisted Living and Memory Care facility, in Moorhead, MN.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 29, 2017, at First Baptist Church in Valley City, ND. Reverend Allen Gerber and Reverend Les Koenig will officiate, with the burial following at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Those interested in personally extending their condolences are invited to a visitation, Thursday September 28, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Valley City with a prayer service following at 7:00 PM.

Visitation will be extended at the church, beginning one hour before the Friday morning service.

Dean LeRoy Karges was born September 1, 1937 in Hazen, ND, to Agustina “Gustie” (Engbrecht) and Frank Karges. The family lived in western ND until they purchased a farm near Oriska, ND, in 1946. Dean graduated from Pillsbury High School, Pillsbury, ND, in 1955 where he was active in basketball and track. In 1956, Dean attended Oak Hills Christian College, Bemidji, MN, graduating with a Bible major in 1959. He studied at Valley City State University (VCSU) and transferred to the University of Northwestern – St. Paul in Minnesota before he was drafted into the United States Army. Dean served from December 2, 1960 to November 10, 1962 at Fort Ord in California and Bamberg, Germany in the 3rd Infantry Division as an armed

personnel carrier driver. While in Germany, Dean traveled around Europe with his good friend from the Army, Posey Baliles, Jr., to England, France, Denmark, Luxembourg, and Austria.

Dean met Lynnette “Lynn” (Lindgren) at a youth gathering after both were invited by Lynn’s sister, Marilyn. Later, Dean asked if he could write to Lynn while he was serving in Germany. When his time in the service was completed, Dean and Lynn were married on October 5, 1963. They farmed with Dean’s parents near Oriska, ND, while he also continued with his education, receiving his B.S. in Education from Valley City State University (VCSU) in 1970 and his Master of Science from the University of North Dakota (Accounting and Business Law) in 1972.

After being recruited by Dr. John Keller, Dean taught accounting courses at VCSU for 35 years, from the fall of 1972 through the spring of 2007. He was granted Faculty Emeritus status in May 2007 and awarded a Certificate of Merit from the VCSU Alumni Association in September 2007. Dean and Lynn were involved as leaders with various campus ministries during this time. In addition to teaching, Dean also farmed until 2014 and enjoyed the camaraderie that farming brought with the neighbors.

Family, friends, and neighbors were important to Dean, and he enjoyed visiting, sharing meals, and pulling occasional pranks. Dean was active in the community and served as a school board member for twelve years at the Oriska Public School. He and Lynn enjoyed attending their children’s and grandchildren’s music and sporting events over the years. Dean’s grandchildren were the light of his life, and he appreciated their visits, hugs, stories, and sharing sweet treats.

Dean loved traveling, and enjoyed many family trips around the United States and Canada, including winter skiing in the mountains. He preferred driving over flying and felt vehicles were just getting “broken in” when they reached 100,000 miles.

Dean was an active member of First Baptist Church in Valley City, ND, for around 60 years where he served as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon,

Moderator, and assisted with auditing the financial records. Dean's legacy is his strong faith, spiritual mentoring, wisdom, consistent prayers, listening ear, and giving heart.

Dean is survived by his wife, Lynnette; a daughter, Joy Karges of Sioux Falls, SD, (Robert Brown of Indianapolis, IN); a son, Blair (Stephani) Karges of Oriska, ND; and three grandchildren, Rylie, Grady, and Ellah Karges of Oriska. Dean is also survived by two sisters, Bonnie (Lloyd) Allen of Bemidji, MN, and Nita (Richard) Papworth of Hillsboro, OR; four nieces: Ruth (Robert) Peterson of Pharr, TX; Nicole Nelson of Oak Park Heights, MN; Melanie (Peter) Mead of Chippenham, England; Amy (Daniel) Hickman of Hillsboro OR; a nephew, Nathan Nelson of Williston, ND; as well as eleven grand-nieces and five grand-nephews. Dean is also survived by an aunt, Joann Engbrecht, of Hamilton, MT, and several cousins.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Gustie on November 21, 1997, and Frank on September 17, 2002. Memorials may be directed to Samaritan's Purse (<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>).

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.
Valley City, ND

Prayer Service

SEP 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
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Valley City, ND

Visitation

SEP 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

SEP 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
3511 Kathryn Rd. S.
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall

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“ Our prayers for comfort and peace. May God show you His care during tged next days, months and even years.

Carol Kluvers Roy - October 17, 2017 at 11:17 AM

PF

“ The Punton Family sends its deepest condolences and may he have safe passage.

Punton Family - September 28, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dean L. Karges.



September 27, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dean L. Karges.



September 27, 2017 at 05:02 PM

DJ

“ So true what Larry Robinson said. I had Dean as my accounting professor at VCSC. I will always be grateful for that. His kindness to me while I was in Valley City will always be appreciated. Lynn and family please know that you are in my prayers. Dean was a great man and a true gentleman. God bless the Karges family.

Duane Johnson
Parker, Colorado

Duane Johnson - September 27, 2017 at 12:51 PM

JK

Thank you for your kind words.

Joy Karges - September 28, 2017 at 10:29 AM

PW

I had Mr. Karges as an accounting instructor at VCSU also, just a super nice man and instructor. So sad to hear of his passing, prayers to the family.

pat willson - October 02, 2017 at 09:23 PM

CL

“ I was so sorry to hear about Deans passing. He impacted my life when I was in college at Valley City. I enjoyed going to Inter Varsity because of him. I remember him and Lynn through the Baptist church too. Praying for all of you during this time! He was such a kind man with a wonderful smile!

Carol (Staiger) Leno
Jamestown, ND

carol Leno - September 27, 2017 at 07:52 AM

JK

Thank you for your kind words.

Joy Karges - September 28, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dean L. Karges.*



September 26, 2017 at 06:07 PM

LR

“ *Dean was a very good and decent man. Everyone had the utmost respect for Dean. He was caring, understanding, and a great listener. Dean was a man of character and integrity. His legacy is one of always taking the high road. He cared deeply about his family and others and it showed! I would go to Dean for advice and direction. He will be missed.*

Larry Robinson - September 26, 2017 at 05:30 PM

JK

Thank you for your kind words!

Joy Karges - September 26, 2017 at 10:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dean L. Karges.*



September 26, 2017 at 10:09 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Dean L. Karges.*



September 26, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I will always remember Dean and Lynn and the good times we had with them, and Chuck and Lorna. Dean was fun loving and like to joke with all of us. He loved the Lord and all of his students. He was a great role model for everyone he met. May remembering the good times, his love for you, and the knowledge that we will see him again in Heaven, bring comfort to you. Love you!! Carol (Otto) Roeker.*

Carol Roeker - September 26, 2017 at 09:38 AM



Thank you, Carol.

Joy Karges - September 26, 2017 at 11:33 PM



“ *With love and prayers, Peter and Melanie and children purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Dean L. Karges.*



With love and prayers, Peter and Melanie and children -
September 26, 2017 at 09:00 AM



“ When a person passes on we often ask two questions. Where will they spend eternity and what kind of legacy do they leave? Because of Uncle Deans walk with the Lord Jesus we know where he will spend eternity One small piece of Deans love for sport was given to me from Lynn and Dean for Christmas. It was the book "They Call Me Coach" by John Wooden. I realized at quite a young age a coach goes way beyond the basketball court. A coach is able to touch lives in almost every area as long as the player is coachable. I've tried to incorporate the lessons and life's winning philosophies John Wooden shared in this book. My son, Jon Paul borrowed this book from me and I was blessed to see him incorporate these same life principles in his coaching and now as he is teaching in the SMS (Sports Ministry School) with YWAM. Dean and Lynn you have been a light to the generations that are following and watching your example. From a grateful nephew.

Paul Lindgren - September 25, 2017 at 08:39 PM

JK

Thanks, Paul, for your kind words.

Joy Karges - September 26, 2017 at 11:33 PM

PL

“ Our prayers are with you all. We enjoyed our time with Dean and his family. God Bless you all. Pastor Richard & Pat

Pastor Richard & Pat Lute - September 25, 2017 at 08:11 PM

JK

Thank you.

Joy Karges - September 26, 2017 at 11:32 PM

MO

“ I have to many great memories to just pick one. Dean was a great man, father and friend. He always treated me like a member of his family , no matter what I needed he would help me out, If he had a trip planned involving sports, he always asked if i wanted to go along. Even if i had not seen him in a while, he would walk up and shake my hand and had to know how i was doing , how my family was doing and just visit in detail for a while. No matter how long it took, (Blair probably wondered why it always took so long to get his part's from FEI!!). My families hearts and prayers go out to your family. Dean will be truly missed.



MATTHE OLSON - September 25, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JK

Thanks, Matt!

Joy Karges - September 26, 2017 at 11:31 PM

GS

“ Dean was definitely a pillar of the community and well respect. He was a great neighbor who always had time for you and was there for us in our times of need. Dean was a great professor and always humble, but I know many people that were very successful because of him. We will always remember our trip to the Capitol fondly, when I told Dean I had slept on rollers so my hair would look good for the governor, we all laughed but who met us at the door was Governor Link. It was a great day full of great memories. We also remember Dean for his love of chocolate chip cookies and who would drive through a snow storm for a Dairy Queen. We have many memories, too many to share. Friends in Christ, Gordon and Pam Sundstrom

Gordon and Pam Sundstrom - September 24, 2017 at 06:22 PM



Thanks, Gordon & Pam!

Joy Karges

Joy Karges - September 24, 2017 at 11:33 PM