



Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath

October 14, 1942 - November 30, 2024

The funeral service for Gerald "Gerry" E. Gamrath 82, Valley City, North Dakota will be 11:00 am Friday, December 6, 2024, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City. Visitation will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm, Thursday, December 5 at Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City with a prayer service at 7 pm. Visitation will continue one hour before the funeral service at the church. He passed away peacefully Saturday, November 30, 2024, surrounded by his family.

The funeral service will be viewable online at <https://vimeo.com/event/4767184>

Gerry was born on October 14, 1942, in Opheim, Montana to Cleora "Pat" (Durbin) and Dwight Gamrath. He attended school in Richey, Montana until the family moved to Valley City, North Dakota in 1954.

Gerry met Mary Ann Musch while cruising Central Avenue in Valley City. Mary Ann had a job at the Omwick Theater and Gerry had a love of popcorn – it was meant to be!

In high school, Gerry was "excused" from choir and thus spent extra time in shop class. This fostered his love for woodworking. Gerry wrestled as a Hi-Liner and graduated in 1960. He attended NDSU where he studied pharmacy and wrestled as a Bison. He was a member of the Kappa Psi Pharmacy

Fraternity.

Gerry and Mary Ann were married December 29, 1962, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Valley City. Gerry graduated from NDSU in 1965, and they returned to Valley City to make their home. Gerry and Mary Ann were blessed with three children Tim, Tammy and Tanya.

Gerry started his career in pharmacy at Foss Drug in Valley City. In 1973, the family moved to Moorhead, Minnesota to manage Foss Drug at the Moorhead Center Mall, the first space age pharmacy. In 1982, Gerry and Mary Ann chased their dreams to Baker, Montana when they purchased Lawler Drug. For 27 years Gerry could be found at the drug store counting pills, answering the phone and visiting with customers, many of whom became friends.

Gerry's love of woodwork continued throughout his life. He taught wood working classes while in Baker. His family and friends will forever enjoy many handmade gifts.

Gerry and Mary Ann retired in 2009. Summers were spent fishing; falls were meant for NDSU football (proud NDSU Team Makers!) and winters were for cheering on the grandchildren.

Gerry is preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Jo Pedersen, brothers in law Bill Cresap, Bob Fearing, Norm Pedersen, Jim Ferris and granddaughter Calley Anne.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; son Tim (Kristin) of St. Michael, Minnesota, daughter Tammy (Steve) Armstrong of Castle Rock, Colorado and daughter Tanya (Paul) Diegel of Valley City; grandchildren Courtney (JP) Perpich, Jacob Armstrong, Cade (Savannah) Gamrath, Danica (Vanessa) Johnson, Dierra Diegel, Nicole Armstrong, Carly (Jerron) McDonald, Derrek Diegel, Dylann Jo Diegel and Lily Rudnick; and his great grandchildren Mac Perpich, Mara Perpich, Elliott Johnson, Everlee Johnson, and Aubree

Gamrath. Gerry is also survived by his siblings Moni Cresap, Pat Fearing, Wayne Gamrath and Karen Ferris.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
o-nchapel@bektel.com

Prayer Service

DEC 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Traditions Funeral Services - Oliver Nathan Funeral Chapel
251 Central Ave. S.
Valley City, ND 58072
(701) 845-2414
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Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd St. NW
Valley City, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 04, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ *Oliver - Nathan Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath*



Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel - December 03, 2024 at 10:13 AM

DD

“ *Our heart goes out to Mary Ann and Gerry's family. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Debbie Domagala*

Debra Domagala - December 06, 2024 at 08:11 PM

AR

“ *So very sorry for you loss. Prayers for all of Gerry's family. Respectfully, Angie & Tom Rodriguez*

Angie Rodriguez - December 06, 2024 at 07:35 PM

JH

“*Mary Ann, Tim, Tammy, Tanya and families, we were very saddened to hear of Gerry's passing, I always enjoyed the time the family shared with me. He is and will be missed by many. Our deepest and sincerest condolences to you all in this hardest of times. Jeff, Josi, Mya, Kayl and Kyal Hadley.*”

Jeff J. Hadley - December 06, 2024 at 03:59 PM

AW

“*Sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. My God comfort you during this time.*”



April Whisler - December 05, 2024 at 08:00 PM

SM

“*Steve & Lorri Madler purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.*”



Steve & Lorri Madler - December 05, 2024 at 09:00 AM

RJ

“*So many memories were made during those daily discussions "facts-only" over a cup of coffee with the crew at the KFLN Studio. "Bullwinkle" was one of a kind, a true best friend who left footprints on our hearts. There are no words to express the sadness we feel. May he rest in peace and may the Gamrath family find comfort in knowing others care.*
Thinking of you all - Russ and Jerrie”

Russ and Jerrie - December 04, 2024 at 11:26 PM

RN

“ Russ and Jerrie Newell purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Russ and Jerrie Newell - December 04, 2024 at 11:15 PM

RN

“ Russ and Jerrie Newell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.

Russ and Jerrie Newell - December 04, 2024 at 11:15 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



December 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



December 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.

December 04, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Guy and Cassy Kolberg purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Guy and Cassy Kolberg - December 03, 2024 at 07:47 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



December 03, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



December 03, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ My sympathy to Gerry's family. Caral Nix

Caral Nix - December 03, 2024 at 02:16 PM

JR

“ Joseph Rock and Debbie Roseth purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Joseph Rock and Debbie Roseth - December 03, 2024 at 01:41 PM

JR

“ Joseph Rock and Debbie Roseth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.

Joseph Rock and Debbie Roseth - December 03, 2024 at 01:41 PM

CG

“ Catharine G. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Catharine G. - December 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM

CG

“ Catharine G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.

Catharine G. - December 03, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.*



December 03, 2024 at 09:14 AM



“ *Gerry was a big presence in a lot of lives. Always had a smile, was a great businessman and friend. So sorry for your loss. Jim and Ev Neary*

Jim and Ev Neary - December 02, 2024 at 10:12 PM



“ *Maryann, Tim, Tammy, and Tonya, my heart breaks with yours at the loss of your dear Gerry who was like family to all of us. His friendship with my parents and all the time we spent together at Market brought so much fun and laughter into my life and of course our shared BD created a special bond between us. I know there was a great reunion and maybe a bridge game played when he arrived in heaven. Praying for you and all the kids to find comfort among each other as you share stories and memories of your wonderful husband, dad and grandpa. He was a great man. Love, Stacey , John, and family*

Stacey Eichenberger - December 02, 2024 at 09:20 PM



Thanks Stacey. I think I can hear him and your folks laughing around the table in heaven. So many great memories of them all together

Tim - December 04, 2024 at 08:26 AM

TF

“ The Seales Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



The Seales Family - December 02, 2024 at 07:17 PM

SF

“ Stacey, Kristi and families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Stacey, Kristi and families - December 02, 2024 at 05:39 PM

JB

“ Jerry and Donna Buxbaum purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.



Jerry and Donna Buxbaum - December 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM

JB

“ Jerry and Donna Buxbaum planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.

Jerry and Donna Buxbaum - December 02, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald "Gerry" Gamrath.*



December 02, 2024 at 04:29 PM