

Jerry Edgar Zastrow was born the oldest of nine siblings on March 21, 1942, in Carlos Township, Douglas County Minnesota to Edgar and Agnes (Schulke) Zastrow. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Carlos and confirmed at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. Jerry attended Zion Lutheran School and Washington School in Alexandria and Country School District 69 near Carlos through the 9th grade. Jerry spent some of his favorite years living with his Aunt and Uncle Hazel and Gerhard Klausmann living on their farm. He started working at the Chevrolet garage in Alexandria and at the Osakis Silo Company when he turned 18.

Jerry was united in marriage to Carol Heald on June 16, 1962, at First Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie. They made their home near Carlos and were blessed with three children, Michelle, Pamela, and Joel. Jerry started at Donnelly Plastics (later named Juno) as a machinist and worked there for 42 years, retiring in 2007.

Jerry enjoyed hunting, woodworking, playing cards especially Cinch, and was an avid horseshoe player. He even won two World Tournament Tropheys in horseshoes. The family enjoyed camping and singing songs around the campfire. After retirement Carol and Jerry enjoyed traveling across all 50 states, with Alaska being his favorite. They also traveled many trips to different countries, even traveling around Australia in a motorhome.

Jerry died on Friday, November 5, 2021, at Bethany On The Lake in Alexandria at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, Carol of Carlos; daughters, Michelle Zastrow of Donnelly and Pamela (Alan) Bettermann of Miltona; son, Joel (Liza) Zastrow of St. Cloud; grandchildren, Todd (Dani) Bettermann, Candace (Chad) Rodriguez, Samuel (Chelsea) Bettermann, Tyler Bettermann, and William Zastrow; step grandchildren, Patrick Crow and Cindy Adolfo; great-grandchildren, Olivia, Emma, Ryder, Zeke, and Wyatt; brothers, Richard (Lori) Zastrow of Miltona, Randy Zastrow of Miltona, and Jeffrey Zastrow of New Hope; sisters, Sharyl Mohawk of Minneapolis, Judy (Aldon) Carlson of Nelson, and Donna Moen of Glenwood; step-brother, Galen (Kari) Huizinga of Alexandria; and many nieces and nephews. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Agnes; brother, Russell Zastrow; sister, Marjorie Roob; and nieces, Tammy Carlson and Brenda Karger.

Footprints In The Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

In Memory of **Jerry E. Zastrow**

March 21, 1942



November 5, 2021

Funeral Service
Mount Calvary
Lutheran Church
Miltona, Minnesota
Wed, November 10, 2021
2:00 PM



Officiant

Reverend Terry Finnern

Organist

Debra Joachim

Casket Bearers

Todd Bettermann	Samuel Bettermann
Tyler Bettermann	Chad Rodriguez
Richard Zastrow	Matthew Moen

Honorary Casket Bearers

Jerry's Grandchildren
and Great-Grandchildren

Interment

Mount Calvary Lutheran Cemetery
Miltona, Minnesota