

## Remembering the Life....

Reverend Gordon L. Grage was born on March 16, 1933, in Aurdal Township, Ottertail County, Minnesota to David and Clara (Twedt) Grage. He grew up in Fergus Falls and graduated from Fergus Falls High School. On November 4, 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Philippines during the Korean Conflict. On May 18, 1953, he was united in marriage to Marian Jorgens at Fort Devins, MA. After his honorable discharge from the army on September 30, 1955, Gordon attended the North Dakota State School of Science for auto mechanics and worked for Skogmo Motors, which later became Fergus Dodge. In 1975, Gordy attended the AFLC Seminary in Plymouth, MN, and became an ordained Lutheran pastor. He and Marian then began serving the Lord at Brandon, Dexter, and Kasson, Swan Lake Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, Winger, MN, and Tonseth Lutheran Church in rural Erhard. Following a donation of land near Lake Park, Gordy, with many other volunteers, developed the AFLC Wilderness Bible Camp.

Gordy enjoyed “scrap-ironing,” tractor shows, and collecting antique tractors. He was a member of Zion-Sarpsborg Church, Lake Region Pioneer Thresherman’s Association, and the Ashby American Legion. He was a prolific Norwegian joke teller. Gordy loved his family and spending time with them. Prayer and good food were always a part of every gathering of family and friends.

On Monday, October 24, 2022, Gordon passed away surrounded by his family at the Broen Home on Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of eighty-nine.

Gordy is survived by his wife, Marian of Fergus Falls, his children: Deborah (Bruce) Johnson of Detroit Lakes, Bruce (Corrina) Grage of Fergus Falls, and Diane (Randall) Field of Fergus Falls; six grandchildren: Jessica (Tony) Olson, Jennifer (Alexander) Taves, Jasmine (Christopher) Synstelien, Jade Sandstedt, Alexis (Casey) Perkins and Amanda Aaberg; seven great-grandchildren: Brody, Emma, Madisyn, Jayce, Hailey, Allie, and Katie. A sister-in-law, Adeline Grage of Bemidji, a brother-in-law, James (Jeanette) Jorgens, several nieces, a nephew, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Mark, and three brothers: Delwin, Neal, and Chester.

**Blessed be the Memory of Gordon Grage**

Celebrating  
the **Life** of



Reverend Gordon Grage

“Being confident  
of this very thing,  
that He which hath begun  
a good work in you  
will perform it  
until the day of Jesus Christ.”  
Philippians 1:6



### **Appreciation**

Gordon's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and fellowship following the service.

### **Arrangements by**

Glende-Nilson Funeral Home ~ Fergus Falls ~ [www.GlendeNilson.com](http://www.GlendeNilson.com)

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Reverend Gordon Grage**

March 16, 1933 - October 24, 2022

### **Funeral Service**

Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11:00 AM  
Zion-Sarpsborg Lutheran Church  
Dalton, Minnesota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Mark Johnson      Pastor Dan Hurner

### **Music**

Deborah Johnson, pianist  
Reverend Mark Johnson, soloist  
*"The Wonder of it All"*  
*"Near To the Heart of God"*

### **Congregational Hymns**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*  
*"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"*

### **Scripture Reading**

Philippians 4:4-19

### **Honorary Urn Bearers**

Amanda Aaberg ~ Jessica Olson ~ Alexis Perkins  
Jade Sandstedt ~ Jasmine Synstelien ~ Jennifer Taves

### **Urn Bearers**

James Jorgens ~ Tony Olson ~ Casey Perkins  
Chris Synstelien ~ Dr. John Tate ~ Alexander Taves

### **Interment**

Sarpsborg Cemetery  
Dalton, Minnesota

### **Military Honors**

Ashby American Legion