

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
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*Jesus loves me He who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let His little child come in.*

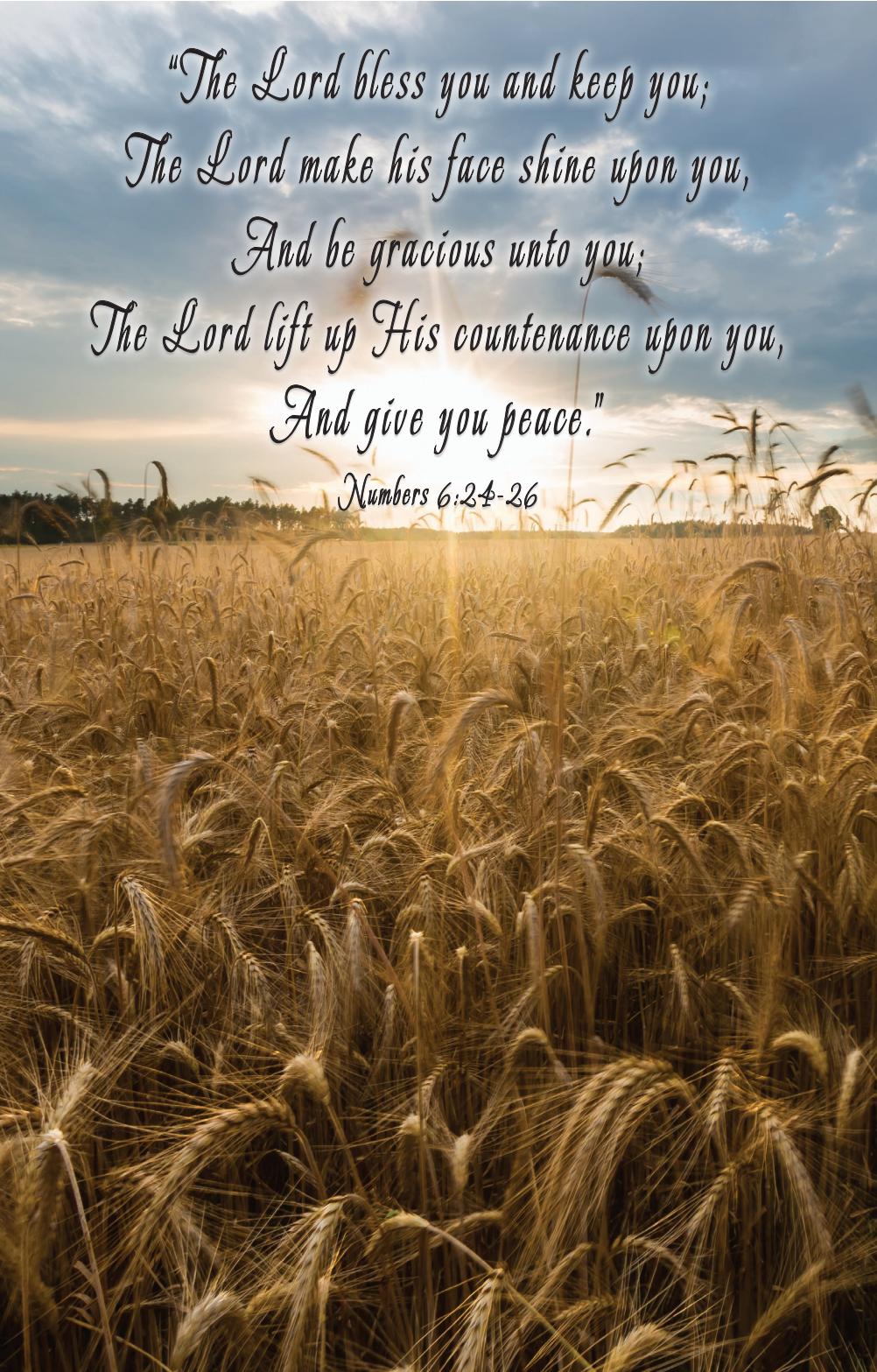
*Yes, Jesus loves me!
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The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee,
saying, "Let them come to me."*



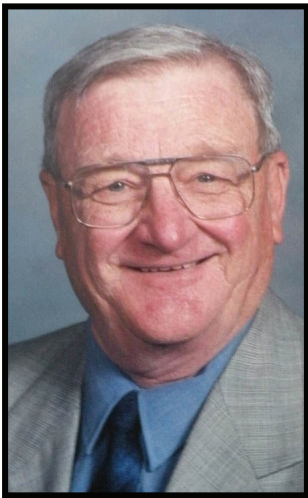
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*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace."*

Numbers 6:24-26



Richard Melvin Hagestuen was a great man to many. Surrounded by family, Richard went to join his God on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. He was 87 years old.

If you ever had a phone conversation with Pastor Dick, you know they didn't usually last long. It was considered a "good talk" if you were able to keep him on the phone for longer than a minute. Although his phone conversations were brief, his lessons and life ideals will live on for a far greater amount of time.

Born to Melvin and Juline (Nordaune) Hagestuen on March 19, 1933, in Starbuck, Minnesota, Richard was the oldest of four children. He fulfilled his role of being an older brother to his siblings, Donald (Sonja), Judy (Daniel Forde), and Lyndon (Ann). He ventured to Minneapolis after high school, where he attended

Augsburg College and Augsburg Seminary. It was during his time at Augsburg College that he met and fell in love with his wife of 65 years, Vernie Suckow. The two were married on September 16, 1955. Besides his exceptionally good looks, rumor has it that Vernie couldn't resist his contagious smile and boundless sense of humor. Together, they had three children, Dawn, Kirsten, and Jon. After being an intern for three summers in Tioga (1956), Powers Lake (1957), and Rugby (1958), he was ordained in March of 1959. Pastor Dick Hagestuen began his devoted career in Medicine Lake, Montana, where he led others in faith until 1961. From 1961 until 1969, he was the pastor in Powers Lake. In 1969, he found his church home in First Lutheran Church of Mandan. He served as the lead pastor from 1969 until 1998. He was an avid sports fan, often heard chanting, "Go, Mandan! Rah, rah, rah!" He could be found sitting through 5 hours of basketball games, and many outdoor football games. Not only did he attend sporting events, but he was also an active community member. He served on countless committees, counseled many people, baptized, confirmed, married, and buried others. His sense of humor and story telling made him approachable, relatable, and lovable. He was a true servant of God, and modeled his faithfulness by accepting many, despite their denomination or whether or not they were members of First Lutheran Church. Pastor Dick's beliefs were echoed in his favorite song, "Jesus Loves Me", and he dedicated his life to helping others find peace and comfort.

His beautiful wife, two daughters, Dawn (Robert Fix) and Kirsten (Oak Reile), along with his 7 grandkids, Beth (Jesse Brademeyer), Brian (Katie), and Megan Fix, Sam (Jessica), Ben (Desiree), and Jed (Courtney) Reile, and Grace (Brian) Krippner, and 20 great-grandchildren were all blessed and lucky to call him theirs. Pastor Dick was greeted at heaven's gates by three of his children, Jonathan, Kai, and Kari, three of his great-grandchildren, Parker, Bentley, and Evlyn, and many other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Lutheran World Relief. It is also asked that you find time in your busy day to tell someone you love them, and to share your best joke, bonus points if it's inappropriate! As Pastor Dick would say, "God bless you, and remember that Jesus loves you!"

Private Funeral Service

Saturday, November 7, 2020; 10:30 AM

First Lutheran Church
408 9th Street NW
Mandan, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Dan Paulson

Preacher

Bishop Craig Schweitzer

Musician

Loretta White

Vocalist

Jeanne House

Casketbearers

Grandsons ~ Brian Fix, Sam Reile, Ben Reile
Jed Reile, Brian Krippner, & Jesse Brademeyer

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. RICHARD M. HAGESTUEN

Gathering

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Hymn

"Borning Cry"

Prayer of the Day

Reading of Obituary / Eulogy

Rev Dan Paulson

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalm 121

Sermon

Bishop Craig Schweitzer

Hymn of the Day

"Children Of The Heavenly Father"

Poem

Hope for Tomorrow

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

Commendation

Benediction

Hymn

"Jesus Loves Me"

Dismissal