

James Gerving was born October 9, 1935 to Val and Clara Fern (Ladd) Gerving in Bismarck, North Dakota. Jim Graduated from Glen Ullin High School in 1953. He then went on to Capital Commercial College in Bismarck, where he met Marlene. After graduating he worked at MDU in Bismarck as a traveling auditor and accountant. He enlisted into the United State Air Force. He was honorably discharged. After the service he returned back to his family farm where he farmed and ranched alongside his Father Val and Brother Bennie. He married Marlene Holznagel on September 9, 1961. To this union they were blessed with their children, Tamara, Glenn, Dean and Allan. Together the couple took over his family farm and continued farming and ranching with his sons, Glenn and Dean, until his death. Jim served the Glen Ullin community for over sixty years by being a part of the Fire District, Lions Club, Job Development Committee, Credit Union, Booster Club, and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed, bowling, attending stock car races, dancing, roller skating, playing cards, and watching movies. Jim never missed an event for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. He will be deeply missed. James is survived by his wife, Marlene of 61 years; children, Tamara (Greg) Sundby of Brooklyn Center, MN, Glenn (Lisa) Gerving of Glen Ullin, Dean Gerving of Mandan, Allan (Shana) Gerving of Bismarck; grandchildren, Greg Jr (Bekah) Sundby, Moriah Sundby, Isabel Sundby, Theodore James "TJ" (Lilyana) Sundby, Jamie (Mat) Seiler, Alisha (Josh) Gerving, Kendra (Tresten) Gerving, Jordan Saylor, Faith Gerving, Hannah Gerving, Ashley Gerving, Ethan Gerving, Ryan Gerving, Owen Gerving; six great-grandchildren, Kayden, Camden and Hudson Saylor, Bristol Seiler and Stefan and Kassian Sundby. He was preceded in death by his parents, Val and Fern Gerving; brother, Bennie Gerving; sisters, Ethel Riedinger and Alice Bauer.

James Gerving

October 9, 1935 - July 16, 2023



JIM

God knows what this world needs to make it a better place;
and a special boy was born that day this huge challenge to face.

Raised on a firm foundation of Christ and love of the land;

Jim quickly grew to be a fine young man.

What one life can build when your foundation

is strong is a miracle indeed

and what a life he did build as so much he wanted to achieve.

We all know a strong soul it certainly does take

so God, a farmer Jim He did make.

He knew to keep his foundation strong he would

need someone special by his side;

and God sent him a special soul to be his beautiful bride.

Jim and Marlene built their farm on a firm

foundation of hard work and love;

and God sent them four beautiful gifts from up above.

They were blessed with a beautiful daughter

and three amazing sons, and he was so very

proud of each and every one.

He raised them to be strong and to always

remember where they came from;

and to raise their own children with so much hope and love.

But his favorite people on this earth this we know for sure

were all his grands and greats who he simply did adore.

At every activity that his favorites participated in;

he was always there to cheer them to a win.

He loved his life on the farm and the hard work that it did take,

and how many rounds in that combine over the

years he did make. He was our team's biggest fan

and how we will miss him sitting in those stands.

And though we will not see him doing all the things he loved;

he will be watching us all from up above. So next time under a

harvest moon as that John Deere combines that wheat;

know that Jim is smiling down at his boys with the greatest seat.

And even though in that tractor he will not be found;

he will be sitting next to his boys for each and every round.

Look at what one life can build when your foundation is strong

and now his legacy in his beautiful family will continue on.

For a very special blessing was shared with us from Him

when He gave to us His precious son, Jim.

Lora Voegele

Jim Gerving

FUNERAL MASS:

Friday, July 21, 2023 10:00 am

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Glen Ullin, North Dakota

CELEBRATING:

Father Gary Benz

MUSIC:

Glory and Praise Singers

Special Music- Valerie Smallbeck

Guitar - Jared Holznagel

READERS:

Alisha & Kendra Gerving

Poem- Ashley Gerving, Isabel Sundby

& Faith Gerving

PALLBEARERS:

Jamie Seiler Hannah Gerving

Ryan Gerving Ethan Gerving

Moriah Sundby Greg Sundby Jr.

Owen Gerving

Theodore James Sundby "TJ"

INTERMENT:

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Glen Ullin, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home

Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall
following the graveside. Everyone is welcome.*

