



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Jerry E. Gausman

FEBRUARY 14, 1939 – DECEMBER 13, 2022

Services At:

Federated Church - Morris, Minnesota
Wednesday - December 21, 2022 - 10:30 a.m.

Officiating Clergy:

Reverend Matt Orendorff

Pianist:

Angela Nybakke

Pallbearers:

Derek Gausman, Alec Gausman, Jarrod Haus
Steven Blair, Jason Ahrens, Dustin Anderson
Darrick Henrichs, Jayden Alderson

Honorary Pallbearers:

All of Jerry's Grandchildren
and Great-Grandchildren

Interment:

Summit Cemetery
Morris, Minnesota

I farmed the land.

I tramped the wood,
These are the things I understood.

No grand schemes, they passed me by.
I knew the brook, the hills, the sky.

To hunt a bird, to wet a line,
Gifts from God, so good and fine.

Friend and kin, I LOVED THEM SO;
Although I'm gone, I'm sure they know,

I'm now at peace, life's battle done,
I've faced the foe and *I have won.*

- By: Earl Smithson

*'Everyone Makes You Smile;
Some When They Come and Some When They Go.'*

Gerald Elmer Gausman was born on February 14, 1939, in Morris, Minnesota to Emil and Katherine (Hale) Gausman. He started his life on a farm north of Alberta until he was six years old. The family then moved to a farm two miles east. He was baptized and confirmed in his faith. Attending school in Alberta, he graduated with the Class of 1957. Jerry had some vocational training at the Wahpeton School of Science in North Dakota and later in Minneapolis. There Jerry worked at a pea factory, and never ate canned peas again!

Jerry moved home and was married to Doris Feuchtenberger on March 25, 1961, at Federated Church in Morris. The couple made their home on the family farm north of Alberta where they lived for over 50 years until they moved to their home west of Morris. They welcomed Ronald in 1962, Roger in 1963, Karen in 1965, and Brent in 1981.

Jerry started his farming career after his return to Alberta. When his boys were older, Jerry continued to operate the farm with his sons, Ron & Roger. In addition to his farming, he also co-owned and operated West Central Implement in Morris. This started as an implement dealer and later morphed into a small engine business.

In his early years, Jerry enjoyed racing cars, camping with the family, and fishing trips to Canada. After retirement, Jerry was lovingly referred to as 'The Inspector' because, like clockwork, he would show up on the farm to check in when things were broke down, they were fixing something, or had stopped to have a meal. Jerry was pleased that his farm stayed in the family.

Jerry was never without humor, he enjoyed fellowship with others, and he loved to visit and get to know other people. Jerry loved to tour the countryside, especially during the planting and harvesting seasons.

He would spend several mornings at the Co-op having coffee. Jerry found a thrill in auctions, and later on-line auctions, he was able to find anything he or his family needed (or didn't need) within a 300-mile radius. He would also spend his days helping on the farm and running for parts.

Jerry died on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the Courage Cottage in Morris, Minnesota; he was 83 years old.

Jerry is survived by his children: Ron (Nancy) Gausman of Morris, Roger (Sherry) Gausman of Morris, Karen (Tom) Haus of Glenwood, and Brent (Christine) Gausman of Morris; 13 grandchildren: Derek (Kolby) Gausman of Morris, Kayla (Steven) Blair of Morris, Alec Gausman of Morris, Heather (Jason) Ahrens of Garfield, Angela (Dustin) Anderson of Morris, Amber (Darrick) Henrichs of Donnelly, Katherine Haus of Bloomington, IN, Emily Haus of St. Paul, Andi Haus of St. Paul, Jarrod Haus of Glenwood, Rainy Eineichner of Morris, Jayden Alderson of Morris, and Gloria Gausman of Morris; 8 great-grandchildren: Jack and Harper Gausman, Liam Blair, Kyler Smith, Kaliyah Ahrens, Aiden and Aubree Anderson, and Jace Henrichs; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Diane Feuchtenberger of Morris, Gerald (Karen) Feuchtenberger of Morris, Susan (Virgil) Wehking of Morris, Marilyn (Karl) Koehl of Hancock, and Robert (Gwen) Feuchtenberger of Morris. He is preceded in death by his wife, Doris in January of 2022; his parents, Emil and Katherine; brothers, Harold and Harris Gausman; In-laws, Emma & Joe Feuchtenberger, Laura Gausman, Betty Gausman, Phyllis Gausman, Laurie Feuchtenberger, Wallis Feuchtenberger.

