



Gerald "Jerry" J. Craven went to be with his Lord on January 8, 2021.

Gerald Jerome Craven was born on February 25, 1939, to Bruce and Alfa Craven of Carrington, ND, where he grew up and graduated from Carrington High School.

After high school, he served in the National Guard for a period of time.

He met his bride to be, Vivian Goeddertz, while working in Steele, ND for Burlington Railroad.

They were wed on May 18, 1963, and had a glorious 57 years together. Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed many adventures filling their lives with wonderful memories.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Bruce and Alfa Craven.

Jerry is survived by his wife Vivian, his sister Jane Kulla, and numerous nieces and nephews.

## *Promised Land*



*Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

*1 Peter 1:3, 4*

Death is just another step  
along life's changing way,  
No more than just a gateway  
to a new and better day,  
And parting from our loved ones  
is much easier to bear  
When we know that they are waiting  
for us to join them there.  
For it is on the wings of death  
that the living soul takes flight  
Into the Promised Land of God  
where there shall be no night.

*Today I am feeling a sense of sorrow, a feeling of loss, yet I take real delight and satisfaction in recalling the wonderful memories of the times I shared with my loved one. Jesus, I know the two of you will enjoy good times in eternity together.*

## ***Jerry's Favorite Hymn***

*"How Great Thou Art"*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

### **Refrain**

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

### **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

In Loving Memory Of

*Gerald Jerome Craven*

February 25, 1939 – Heaton, ND

January 8, 2021 – Carrington, ND

### **PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICE**

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 ~ 2:30PM

Faith Baptist Church, Carrington, ND

### **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Corey Pepple

### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Psalm 23

Prayer

How Great Thou Art #37

Message

What A Friend We Have In Jesus #354

Closing Prayer

### **BURIAL**

Heaton Cemetery

Heaton, ND

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