

In Loving Memory Of
Gerald Leland Paulson

March 20, 1938 – Carrington, ND
October 29, 2025 – Carrington, ND

VISITATION

Thursday, November 6, 2025
1:00PM - 4:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND
5:00PM - 6:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

PRAYER SERVICE

Thursday, November 6, 2025
6:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, November 7, 2025
2:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Pastor Steve Berntson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teresa Edland ~ Pianist
Gary and Lexi Schindler ~ Vocalists
Far Side Banks Of Jordan
I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry
Congregational Hymns
Amazing Grace #779 ~ How Great Thou Art #856

PALLBEARERS

Justin Paulson ~ Megan Schreiner ~ Jake Copenhaver
Trevor Paulson ~ Will Hjelseth ~ James Schindler ~ Cole Paulson

HONORARY BEARERS

All of Snook's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

FELLOWSHIP

Chieftain Conference Center, Carrington, ND

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND
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Celebrating
THE LIFE OF



Gerald "Snook" Paulson

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Gerald Leland Paulson (Snook) was born March 20, 1938, at the Neubson birthing home in Carrington, ND to Alvin and Pearl (Wobbema) Paulson. Snook started school in Carrington and then spent part of his 1st and 2nd grade in Jamestown, ND while living in a foster home. He returned to Carrington for a couple of years, then spent 2 school years in San Leandro, CA, living with his stepmother, Judy, and her family. Snook graduated from CHS in 1956, where he was active in band, choir, Glee Club and Letterman's Club. He was captain of the football team, student manager of the basketball team and was in track. He was athlete of the year in 1956 at CHS and was also homecoming king. During high school, Snook worked at Steve Wenaas' Piggly Wiggly grocery store. He was also part of a roller-skating show that performed in the area. He played clarinet in a 10-piece band that played at area proms and at the Rainbow Gardens in Carrington. He served in the North Dakota National Guard with the 142nd Engineer Battalion.

After graduation, Snook attended Valley City State College where he sang in the choir and was a member of the Tau Sig fraternity. He then attended NDSU and went back to Valley City to get his 2-year standard teaching certificate. In 1960 Snook started teaching in Tuttle, ND as a 6th grade teacher and junior high basketball coach. He finished his 4-year degree at Minot State University.

Snook married Adelyne Louise Goldsmith on August 4, 1963. They moved to Carrington where Snook taught school for 33 years. He taught 7-8 grade math and science, coached junior high basketball, track and football. In the summers he worked for Ray and Roland Sharbono Construction, until he started a paint crew of teachers, P and P Painting. He also worked part time at the Post Office. During this time, he earned his Master's Degree in Education from UND.

Adelyne died in 1979. Snook married Cathy Miller Hjelseth on May 28, 1983 in Carrington. Snook enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing cards, music

and being with family and friends. Snook and Cathy took many wonderful trips. They drove to the East Coast and to the West Coast, took an Alaskan and a Caribbean cruise, went to Ireland, Holland, Belgium, England, Scotland, Wales and Hawaii. Snook also enjoyed his annual ice fishing trip to Minnesota with his friends and boys. Opening deer weekend was like a holiday. In Snook's retirement years he became a Christmas baker; making and selling krumkake, rosettes and spritz cookies.



Snook was a charter member of the Carrington Lion's Club and received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, their highest honor. He was on the Trinity Lutheran Church board, was a Jaycee's member and played softball for the Shamrock Bar. He also played league bowling.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Paulson and Pearl Edinger; stepmothers, Judy and Nora; wife, Adelyne Paulson; brother, Lyle Paulson; mother-in-law, Bonnie Goldsmith; fathers-in-law, Harold Goldsmith and Gary Miller; and brothers-in-law, Don Workentine and Bud (Elsie) Goldsmith.

Snook is survived by his wife, Cathy and by 5 sons: Eric (Mary Jo), Carrington, ND, Matt (Laura), Hawley, MN, Patrick (Nicole), Wahpeton, ND, Brian (Erin), Jamestown, ND, Nate Hjelseth (Leah), Waconia, MN, and 2 daughters: Joan (Dave) Copenhaver, Carrington and Sarah Hjelseth Schindler (Gary), Grand Forks, ND; sisters, Doris Workentine, Sturgis, SD, Denise (Danny) Schuchard, Carrington, ND, Darlene Porter, Jamestown, ND, Doris Storrs (Sam), Cohasset, MN; brothers, Holly Pond (Judy) Bowman, ND, David Edinger (Karen), Cheyenne, WY, Chuck Edinger, Jamestown, ND; mother-in-law, Joyce Miller, Carrington; brothers-in-law, Scott Miller, Carrington, Brent (Roxanne) Miller, Grand Forks, ND, Mark (Kari) Miller, Grand Forks, ND, Larry Goldsmith, Fredericksburg, VA; sisters-in-law, Joyce Paulson, Fargo, ND, Darlyne Stanczyk, Holly, MI; 28 grandchildren: Connor Arellano (Danny), LaMesa, CA, Justin Paulson (Carolyn) and their daughters, Adeline and Olive, Fridley, MN, Emilea Brewer (Jesse) and their daughter, Charlotte, Hendersonville, TN, Kirsten Pecka (Brad) and their children, Hudson, Aubrey, Grady and Evie, Ardoch, ND, Carly Pritchard (Caleb) and their daughter, Blakely, Pleasonton, NE, Jake Copenhaver, Fargo, ND, Trevor Paulson, Carrington, ND, Brett Paulson, Carrington, ND, Noah Paulson, Bismarck, ND and Jack Paulson, Grand Forks, ND, Megan Schreiner (Joe) and their children, Brynley and Emma, Sioux Falls, SD, Gabby Paulson, Fargo, ND and Abi Paulson, Wahpeton, ND, Annabelle, Cole, Ellie, Cooper, and Piper Paulson, Jamestown, ND, Will and Thomas Hjelseth, Waconia, MN, Mandi Afoa (Fale), and their children, Lola, Koa, Luana and Leilani, Clarksville, TN, Madison, Olivia, Grace, Alexa, James, Kennedy and Evelyn Schindler, Grand Forks., ND; and family friend, Tiffany Paulson.



When asked to describe their dad in one word these are the responses from his 7 kids: honorable, servant leader, best friend, wise, teacher (classroom and life), my hero and patient.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Carrington Lions Club.

*Your life was
a Blessing,*



*Your memory
a Treasure.*



*You are loved
beyond Words,*



And missed beyond Measure.

The Dash Between

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came his date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years. (1938 – 2025)

For that dash represents all the time
That he spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved him
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars...the house...the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
How other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile...
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy's been read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash??