



1952-2025

Memorial Service for:

Duane Jerde

Celebration of Life for

Duane Jerde

November 29, 2025

Officiant: Rev. Nathan Mugaas

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Shall We Gather At The River, ELW 423

- 1 Shall we gather at the river,
 where bright angel feet have trod,
 with its crystal tide forever
 flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

- 2 On the margin of the river,
 washing up its silver spray,
 we will walk and worship ever,
 all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

- 3 Ere we reach the shining river,
 lay we ev'ry burden down;
 grace our spirits will deliver,
 and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

- 4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
 soon our pilgrimage will cease;
 soon our happy hearts will quiver
 with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

GATHERING

Pastor: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Duane, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Duane was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

All: We glorify you.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

All: We praise you.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

All: We worship you.

Pastor: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCES

Terra Jerde, daughter
Memories of Grandpa/Papa
Grandsons: Stephen Jerde, Brandon Jerde, Jonah Aberle, Eli Aberle
Granddaughter: Meara Aberle

MUSIC

Well Done
Sung by Taylor Quinn

SRIPTURE READINGS

John 14-1-6

Read by Erika Jones, niece

Psalm 23

Read by Alison Schubring and Kelly Schettler, nieces

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

MUSIC

I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You

Sung by Taylor Quinn

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYER'S OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

MUSIC

Because He Lives
Sung by Taylor Quinn

COMMENDATION

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Duane. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **All: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen.**

RECESSIONAL SONG

How Great Thou Art, ELW 856

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r 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!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I 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*

3 But 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*

4 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!" *Refrain*

*Following the service you are invited to a luncheon gathering in the
Community Room on the lower level.*



OBITUARY

Duane Desmond Jerde was born on November 14, 1952, in Britton, S.D., to Desmond and Cecilia (fka Bottenhoff) Jerde. The fourth of five children, he grew up in a busy home they also shared with his grandfather. A proud Eagle Scout and delegate to South Dakota Boy's State, Duane was driven from an early age by a sense of service and leadership. He also enjoyed a good laugh, often joking that he still holds the record in the 880-yard relay at Britton High School from 1971 (with fellow Cindermen teammates Mark Hartinger, "Bronco" Lemke, and Dave Heitmann) – but only because the distance for that race changed the following year!

Some of Duane's fondest childhood memories were the regular trips to his mother's family farm to spend time with cousins and extended family and the family's annual vacation to Lake Carlos near Alexandria, MN. Swimming, boating, fishing, and trips to A&W for root beer became traditions that he would later pass on to his own children and grandchildren, taking many trips to Alexandria and eventually buying their own home on Lake Darling, where he and Bette lived for many years after Duane's retirement.

Duane grew up with a strong sense of community, hard work, and integrity – values that would guide him throughout his life. He graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, with a Bachelor's degree in Hospital Administration in 1975 – a first step on a long professional path of service and leadership in rural healthcare. Early in his career, Duane served as Assistant Administrator at Garrison Memorial Hospital in Garrison, ND. He went on to become the Administrator of the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, ND, then President and CEO of Carrington Medical Center in Carrington, ND, and finally, President and CEO of Mercy Medical Center in Williston, ND. In each of these roles, he embodied the principles of servant leadership – always putting people first and deeply committed to the patients, staff, and communities he served. Never one to stop learning, Duane also worked to achieve his Master's degree in Health Care Administration from the University of Colorado while also balancing work, family, and

community responsibilities. Duane's commitment to community extended beyond the workplace, and he was actively involved in numerous other leadership roles, including serving as President of the Chamber of Commerce in Carrington and Chairman of the North Dakota Hospital Association. A man of faith and quiet generosity, Duane also volunteered at church and sang in church choir.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Duane found his greatest joy in his family. On July 17, 2025, he celebrated 49 years of marriage with his lifelong love, Bette, a partnership marked by unwavering support, laughter, and deep affection. Thankfully, Bette's early efforts to set Duane up with friends and co-workers at St. Ansgar Hospital in Fargo, ND, where they met failed miserably! He was already smitten with the "blonde bombshell" he was training to replace him. With his whole heart, Duane embraced not only Bette but her three children – Terra, Todd (TJ), and Shari - whom he adopted shortly after they married in Williston, ND in 1976. Together, they built a home and raised a family grounded in love, faith, and kindness – values Duane modeled every day. And whether he and Bette were golfing together, watching the PGA Tour curled up on the couch, cheering on the Vikings (SKOL!), traveling, or attending their children's and grandchildren's many activities over the years, they made every moment together count.

A man of quiet strength, dry humor, and enduring humility, Duane leaves behind a legacy of kindness, caring, compassion, servant leadership, and love. These are traits and qualities that showed through to the very end of Duane's life, even as he struggled with severe pain and the advancing stages of dementia. He will be deeply missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. Duane is survived by his loving wife, Bette; his children Terra Jerde, TJ (Jingxi) Jerde, Shari (Ryan) Aberle; grandchildren Stephen (Nicole) Jerde, Brandon (Bethany) Jerde, Meara Aberle, Jonah Aberle, Eli Aberle; great-granddaughter Elia Jerde; siblings Lloyd Jerde, Susan (Paul) Frederickson, David (Judy) Jerde, Ed (Maggie) Jerde; nieces, nephews, and many dear friends and extended family.

**Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same;
but as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.**