



## Gerard "Jerry" DeLoof

December 6, 1921 - September 19, 2017

Gerard "Jerry" DeLoof, 95, died Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Avera McKennan Hospital. Gerard DeLoof was born at Kalamazoo, MI, on December 6, 1921 the son of Gerard Sr. and Gertrude (Brunsting) DeLoof. When he was a senior in high school he joined the US Army. He served under General George Patton in the European theater of WWII. He was part of the invasion on D-Day that landed on Normandy Beach. Following his honorable discharge in 1945, he went on to graduate from Hope College and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. On August 16, 1950, he married Verladyne Saunders. The couple lived and served in ministry in Casnovia, MI, St. Petersburg, FL, Portage, MI, Ellsworth, MN and most recently at Second Reformed, Delaware Reformed, Monroe Reformed and Chancellor Reformed Churches in South Dakota. Jerry was currently a member of Chancellor Reformed Church. He belonged to the Chancellor American Legion where he had served as Chaplin. He enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening. He loved to read scripture and talk to people about the Lord. He treasured the time spent with his family. Besides his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by three siblings: brother, Ken and sisters, Norma and Joan. Grateful for having shared his life are his wife of over 67 years, Verladyne, Sioux Falls; children: Tim (Sandy) DeLoof, Sioux Falls, Marilyn (Steve) Ward, Brookfield, WI, Don DeLoof, Lennox and Steve (Mary) DeLoof, Brandon; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren as well as other relatives and a host of friends. Services will begin 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 23 at Chancellor Reformed Church

with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation also at Chancellor Reformed Church, with the family present, will be Friday 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to Chancellor Reformed Mission Fund or Words of Hope.

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Verladyne and family you are in our prayers*

Richard & Barbara Shand - September 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Thank you for showing how to walk a walk together as husband and wife and marrying us seven years ago!!*

Darin and Mary DeLoof - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Steve & Mary, my deepest sympathy on your loss.*

Pat Marso - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ *Jerry, you will be missed, and missed greatly. Your grace and kindness were always appreciated, as well as that sense of humor. Sorry I won't be there to say goodbye in person but know I am present in spirit. Rod*

Rev. Rodney Veldhuizen - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Verladyne, Tim, Marilyn, Steve and Don, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Jerry was wonderful person. He contributed so much during his lifetime. He is now out of pain and with his Savior. Gos bless you all.*

Bonnie Frye - September 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“Hearing the news of Rev. DeLoof's passing away brings sadness as well as joy.

*He was the pastor that confirmed me into the faith and fellowship of the Lord. He officiated at my wedding 38 years ago, and he always had time for a visit with Sherri & I when we'd ring their doorbell. It left a big impression on me that he'd take the time to talk to us as kids and never make us feel he had anything else more important than spending that time with us.*

*Over the years I've also found myself judging other pastors by comparing them to Rev. DeLoof and his way of educating us about the Bible and Christian Living and I've found many have not come even close to him.*

*My thoughts and prayers will be with you as you celebrate his life here on earth.*

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**Debra (Minkel) Petersen** - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Dear Verladyne & family,

*I was sad to hear of the passing of your beloved husband and father, Jerry. I extend my sincere sympathy to you and your extended family, trusting you will all find comfort for the days ahead. Jerry is now with his Lord and Savior whom he loved these many years. I can only imagine how you must be grieving at this time, but when our loved one knows the Lord, itâ€™s a bitter-sweet experience to go through times like this.*

*I still have fond memories of the time when you folks served the Ellsworth Reformed Church and we were in George at the time. You have both been such a blessing to multitudes of people over the years. With the Apostle Paul I say: â€œI thank my God every time I remember you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now . . .â€*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Al Honken*

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**Pastor Al Honken** - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Sorry to hear this. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*LOVE,*

*Laura & Allen Crosby*

*Pauline Saunders*

*Sara Hughes & Family*

*Katie Sirois & Family*

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**Laura Crosby** - September 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM