

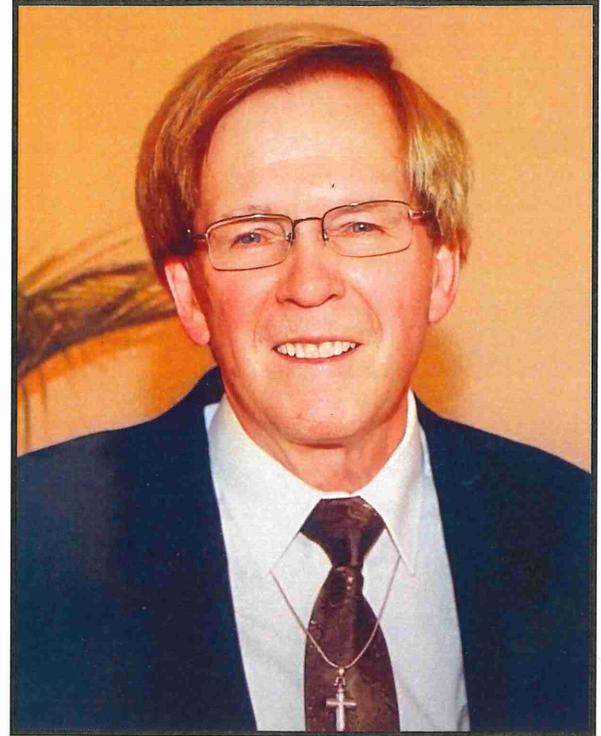
Julius Knute Strand was born October 20, 1932, to Resada Georgina and Carl Strand in Mitchell, South Dakota. The youngest of five children, he followed siblings Margaret, Leona, Edward, and Duane. Julius worked on the family farm and graduated from Mitchell High School.

With a clear call to ministry, Julius enrolled at Marion College in 1955, met Bobbie Jean Wood of Atlanta, Georgia and married in 1957. After graduating from Marion College and Asbury Theological Seminary, Julius devoted his life to serve others through pastoring Wesleyan congregations in South Dakota, Michigan, and Minnesota. He served in Avon and Brookings, SD; Kalamazoo Spring Valley and Friendship Wesleyan (church plant) in Michigan; Westside Community (church plant), Prairie Oak (church plant coach), and North Point in Minnesota. He left a lasting impact on the communities he served.

Julius started jogging at age 40 and ran more miles in his lifetime than the circumference of the earth. Often known as "J.K.", Julius introduced himself as "not just kidding." He was a poet, runner, and loved to tend gardens and plant trees.

Julius's unwavering faith leaves a legacy of service, inspiration and love.

Celebrating the Life of



Julius Knute Strand

October 20, 1932 ~ February 12, 2025

Miracle in a Meadow

My conversion story when I was 13.

The Lord found me in a meadow one day,
Just a lad thirteen, a soft piece of clay.

I remember God's Spirit,
How He made my heart melt.
As I repented of sin,
Such a peace then I felt!

God did a work in the life of this boy,
I went on to school with a heart full of joy.

With a newness now mine,
I thought: "How can I thank?"
I said it, I sang it--
Carved that date on a plank!

The old school barn was later torn down;
The plank with my name could no longer be found.

But my name's in a place
Where it won't go away:
In the Lamb's Book of Life
It is written to stay!

My tears well up, yet even just now,
For God saved my soul, I can't tell you how.

Such joy and sweet peace
God puts in my heart,
With a purpose to live each day from the start.

Now if I'm feeling down,
My Lord picks me up.
He leads in my life --
Keeps filling my cup.

J. K. Strand

*The plank with my initials hangs behind our
homeplace house still.*

*Written July 6, 2005, after driving around
the section and cousin John's meadow*

In Loving Memory of

Julius Knute Strand

Born

October 20, 1932 Mitchell, South Dakota

Passed Away

February 12, 2025 Plymouth, Minnesota

At the Age of

92 Years 3 Months 23 Days

Funeral Service

North Point Church

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Saturday, February 22, 2025 ~ 1:00 PM

Memorial Service

Bittner Funeral Chapel

Mitchell, South Dakota

Monday, February 24, 2025 ~ 10:30 AM

Survived by

wife of 67 years, Bobbie J. Strand;
their children, Stephen (Ruth), Keith, David, & Lisa;
his grandchildren, Eila, Lydia, Mary Strand,
& Alen Gradasevic; many nieces, nephews,
& extended family. He was the last of 39 cousins.

Interment

Graceland Cemetery Mitchell, South Dakota

Arrangements with the Gearty-DeImore Funeral Chapels