

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in the paths of
Righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies.
Thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF *Max Alfred Gonzenbach*

WHO WAS BORN
July 15, 1936
Milbank, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME
September 3, 2024
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE
Sunday, September 15, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.
Central Church
Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANT
Rev. Dr. Peter Reynen

MUSICIAN
Sheila Dailie, Organist

URN BEARERS AND EULOGY
Max's Children:
Lauri Gilbert | David Gonzenbach | Trudi Robel

HONORARY BEARERS
Max's Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren:
Hunter Gilbert | Isabel Gilbert | Derek Gonzenbach
Haley Gonzenbach | Tyler Robel | Max Robel | Jake Robel
Ava Gonzenbach | Kye Gonzenbach
Great-Grand-Angel Gia Gonzenbach

INURNMENT
Private Family Service
Milbank City Cemetery
Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION
Max's family is grateful for your attendance at this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. The family will return from the cemetery for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota

Max Alfred Gonzenbach was born on July 15, 1936, to Alfred and Trudy (Hauser) Gonzenbach. He graduated from Milbank High School in 1954 and pursued a Bachelor of Science Degree at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. He graduated with the Class of 1959. He married the love of his life, "Schatzi" Jeanne Spilde, on August 26, 1962, in Pierre, SD. They were blessed with three children: Lauri, David, and Trudi.



After college, Max returned to Milbank where he joined his father, Alfred, and Alfred and Rudy Nef working at Valley Queen Cheese Factory. This began his lifelong career that lasted 42 years. During this time, he was a member of many organizations including the National Association of Manufacturers, South Dakota Commerce and Industry, North Central Cheese Association, and American Dry Products Institute. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, South Dakota Family Business Association, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was a lifelong member of Central Church where he served on many committees and boards. Max was known for his big hands and big heart. He genuinely loved to meet and greet people with a "big" handshake and a warm smile. He was proud of his Swiss heritage, and after retiring was able to share a place in Switzerland with his dear Jeanne, family, and friends. He was a humble, kind, and generous man who loved God, his family, and his friends.

Left to carry on his legacy and cherish him are his wife of 62 years, Jeanne; three children: Lauri (Kevin) Gilbert; David (Stacy) Gonzenbach; and Trudi (John) Robel; grandchildren: Hunter (Breanna) Gilbert, Isabel Gilbert, Derek (Whitney) Gonzenbach, Haley Gonzenbach, Tyler (Reanna) Robel, Max Robel, and Jake Robel; great-grandchildren: Ava Gonzenbach, Kye Gonzenbach, and great-grand-angel, Gia Gonzenbach; sisters: Ruth Colby, and Heidi (Ron) Feekes; and an abundance of dear nieces, nephews, cousins, and a community of cherished friends. Waiting to welcome him in heaven are his parents: Alfred and Trudy Gonzenbach, mother-in-law, Alice Doscher, father-in-law, Alfred Spilde; brother-in-law, Dick Spilde; brother-in-law, Ralph Colby; great-grand-angel, Gia Gonzenbach; and dear friends.

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online guestbook & tribute video.



Remembering

THE LIFE OF



Max Gonzenbach

1936 - 2024