

**Elmer Louie Gerig**  
**Dec. 8, 1929 - Feb. 23, 2019**

Elmer Louie Gerig, 89 of Albany, Oregon, passed away on February 23, 2019 at the Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House surrounded by his family.

Elmer was born December 8, 1929 in Wayland, Iowa to Martin and Emma (Nofziger) Gerig. He grew up in Iowa where he attended school until the eighth grade. As an adult, he earned his GED.

Elmer married Florence Schrock on August 27, 1950 and they were married for 68 years. His love of God, our precious Savior, and his family were near and dear to his heart.

He moved to Oregon in 1948. While in Oregon, he worked at Western Veneer/Willamette Industries for 19 years. He then transitioned into the construction business by obtaining his contractor license and starting his own business, Elmer Gerig Builder. For many years he enjoyed working with his hands. He was honored to have been the main contractor of the Sunday School wing and the chairlift project at Fairview Mennonite Church, where he was an active member. He also installed the vinyl siding on a number of the duplexes and worked on the construction of the Lakeside Center at the Mennonite Village. After he retired from his contracting business, he stayed busy working on some apartments and houses that he owned.

Elmer loved spending time with and being surrounded by his family, although he was most proud of his wife. He always had a smile on his face when he was interacting with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoyed listening to the Bible on tape, playing card games (especially Pinochle), fishing, gardening, and eating ice cream and popcorn. During his life, he went on mission trips to Mexico and Albania with Fellowship of Christian Farmers and to Costa Rica and Ecuador through Fairview Mennonite Church.

In 2014, he moved to the Mennonite Village where he was an active member of the community. He tried to work out at the fitness center 6 days a week. His Wii bowling team took 2nd place in their last tournament.

Elmer is survived by his wife Florence (Schrock); children Clayton Gerig of Lebanon, Russell (Brenda) Gerig of Lebanon, Joyce Vomocil of Albany, Joleen (Jeff) Blunck of Corvallis, Roberta (Phil) Schrock of Albany, Dale Gerig of Lebanon, Nate (Karen) Gerig of Albany, Kenny (Shanna) Gerig of Albany, Vernon (Ellen) Gerig of Hillsboro, Iowa, Tim (Susan) Gerig of Albany; sister Minnie Chaffee of West Unity, Ohio; 32 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Martin and Emma; siblings Elsie, Mabel Miller, Christian Emanuel, Frances Yutzy, Mary, Melvin, Allen, Eldon Laverne, Willard, and Emery.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 27 at AASum-Dufour Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 28, at Fairview Mennonite Church with a burial to follow at Fairview Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Elmer's name to Gospel Echoes NW or Voice of the Martyrs.

AASum-Dufour Funeral Home is handling the arrangements ([www.aasum-dufour.com](http://www.aasum-dufour.com)).

## *In Loving Memory*



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## **God Saw You Getting Tired**

*God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you,  
And whispered, "Come to me".  
With tearful eyes we watched you.  
And saw you pass away.  
Although we loved you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.*

## **Funeral Service**

*Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 2 p.m.  
Fairview Mennonite Church Albany, Oregon*

Prelude	Jess & Greta Ropp
Welcome & Prayer	Pastor Brandon Funk
Special Song "Well Done"	The Afters
Scripture Reading	Kenny Gerig & Vernon Gerig
Obituary	Nate Gerig
Special Music "How Great Thou Art"	Grandchildren
Memories	Jeff Blunck
Quartet "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" "Precious Lord Take My Hand"	Ben Gerig, Jamison Headings, Jess Ropp & Randy Smucker
Message	Pastor Brandon Funk
Slideshow	
Closing Remarks & Prayer	Pastor Brandon Funk
Graveside Committal	Pastor Phil Schrock

## **Casket Bearers**

*Heath Gerig, Kari Bernardo, Isaac Blunck, Tyler Schrock,  
Cody Gerig, Preston Gerig, Jaeden Gerig & Emily Gerig*

***Everyone is invited to a reception immediately  
following the service.***