

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

I took his hand when I heard him call

I turned my back and left it all.

*I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.*

Tasks undone must stay that way.

I found that peace at close of day.

*If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

*My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now: He set me free.*



In Loving Memory ***Gerald Wiliam Carsten***

June 21, 1936 ~ August 23, 2025

MEMORIAL GRAVESIDE

3:30 PM, Saturday, September 6, 2025

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Aurelia, Iowa

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jeff Harris

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

PALLBEARERS

Aaron Loudenslager ~ Carsen Loudenslager

Pierce Loudenslager ~ Addison Loudenslager

John Plucker ~ Matthew Plucker

THANK YOU!

*Thank you to all who have shared kind words,
memories and prayers for Jerry. You have
been a source of strength in our family!*

~ The Carsten Family

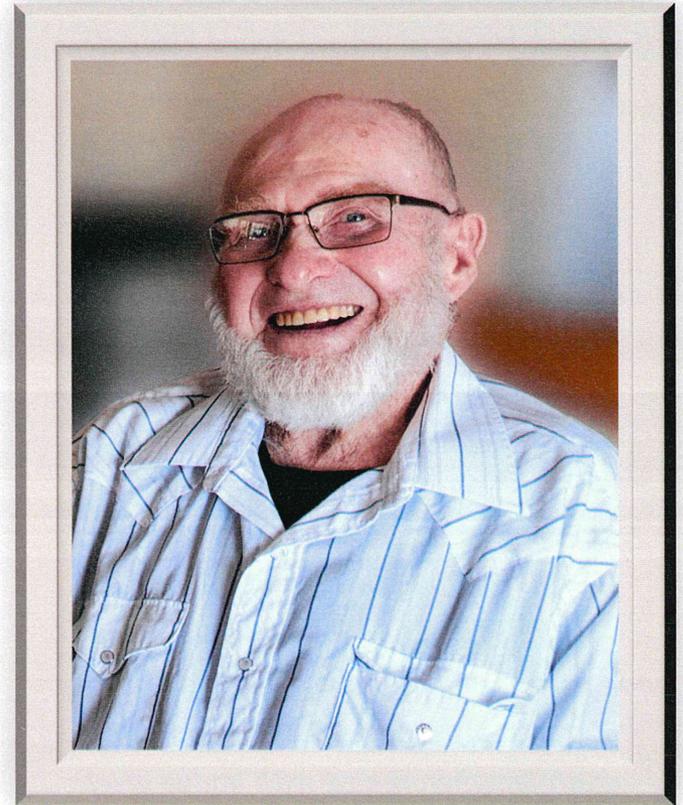
Gerald William Carsten, son of Chester and Mary Irene (Williams) Carsten, was born June 21, 1936, at Kearney, Nebraska. He grew up in Nebraska until the family moved to Bonesteel, South Dakota where Gerald graduated from Bonesteel High School. On October 25, 1958, Gerald was united in marriage with Laura Louis Counts in Bonesteel. The couple eventually moved to Aurelia, Iowa, where Gerald worked as a farmhand for several farmers around the area. Laura passed away in 1996. In time Gerald left the Aurelia area and in 2024 he moved to Lyon Specialty Care in Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Gerald was a devoted family man with a strong Christian faith. He was always willing to help others at a moment's notice. Gerald was an active member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church during his years living and working around Aurelia. He was a man who lived out his faith in God, a man of great honor and integrity. Gerald enjoyed spending time with family and he will be deeply missed. Gerald passed away Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Lyon Specialty Care at the age of 89.

Gerald is survived by his two daughters, Sharon (Tim) Plucker and Joyce (Jim) Loudenslager, both of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; 7 grandchildren, Madelyn (Peter) Plucker Carrizales, Aaron Loudenslager, John (Shannon) Plucker, Carsen Loudenslager, Matthew Plucker, Pierce Loudenslager, and Addison Loudenslager; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Gerald in death were his parents, Chester and Mary Irene; wife, Laura Carsten; brother, Robert Carsten; and sister, Alyce (Carsten) Mills.

Gone but never forgotten



Gerald William Carsten

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