

Gregory Phillip Doerr was born on February 20, 1950, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the son of Carl and Helen (Olstad) Doerr. He grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1968. On Labor Day weekend of 1976, Greg met the love of his life and was married seven months later, on April 29, 1977, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Mary Jean Jaenisch and they made their home in Minneapolis for many years. Greg worked at the Ford plant in St. Paul for over 30 years. In 2002, they moved to Willmar and Greg retired the following year. They were both members of Vinje Lutheran Church.

Greg and Mary enjoyed dining out and traveling together throughout the United States. They went on many cruises along the East coast, West coast, and Alaska. He showed a tremendous love and care to his feline companions, his wife and family (especially his grandchildren).

Greg enjoyed caring for the family farm near Atwater, golfing, and collecting toy tractors. He cherished attending his grandchildren's school activities and athletic events. He spent many mornings at LuLu Beans visiting with friends over coffee. Greg will be best remembered for his sense of humor and kind heart.

He is survived by three grandchildren, Tyler Hayes, Kemry Stich and Ava Stich; one brother-in-law, Edwin Jaenisch of Willmar; and one sister-in-law, Sharon Jaenisch of Clara City; besides other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary in January of 2025; his daughter, Lisa Hayes-Stich; one granddaughter, Rylie Hayes; brother-in-law, Robert Jaenisch; and brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Diane Jaenisch.

Celebrating the Life of



Gregory P. Doerr

1950 - 2026

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

In Loving Memory Of

Gregory Phillip Doerr

February 20, 1950
Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 26, 2026
Willmar, Minnesota

Celebration of Life

Thursday, September 3, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home
Willmar, Minnesota

Prelude		Donna Jo Kopitzke
Welcome		
Opening Song	"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"	Alan Jackson
Apostolic Greeting and Prayer		
Scripture Readings		
Message		Pastor Andres Albertsen
Special Music	"Amazing Grace"	Richard Thorp
Apostle's Creed, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer		
Commendation		
Closing Song	"Landslide"	Fleetwood Mac & Stevie Nicks

Active Casketbearers

Aaron "Pete" Peterson	Gary Thonvold	Richard Thorp
Tyler Hayes	Kemry Stich	Ava Stich

Honorary Casketbearers

John Olstad Charlie Johnson

Private Interment

Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery
Clara City, Minnesota