

Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

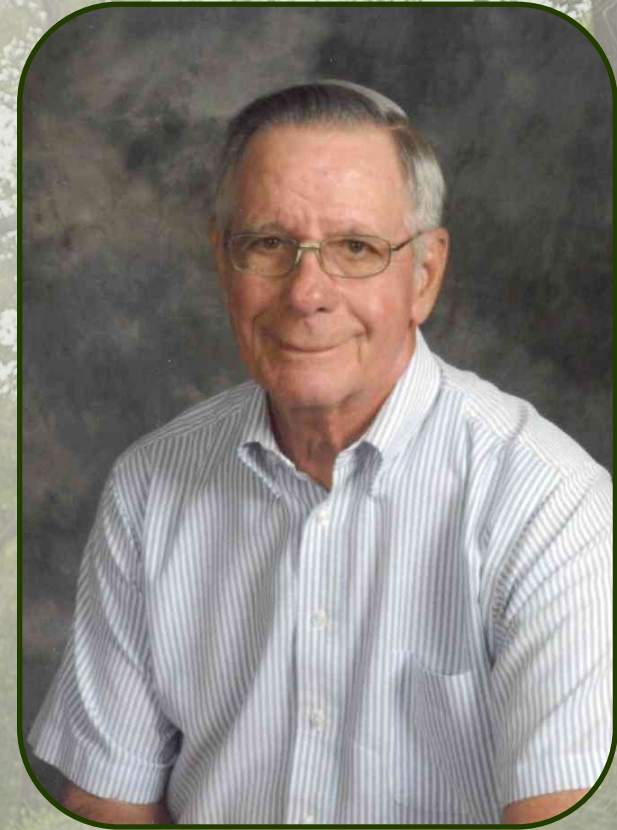
*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is still work waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth —
You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!*



In Loving Memory of



*Cecil Leo
Gerke*

April 19, 1946

September 11, 2024

Cecil Leo Gerke

Cecil Leo Gerke, 78, of Sedalia, MO, passed away on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at his home. He was born on April 19, 1946, in Sedalia, the son of Leo H. Gerke and Cecilia L. (Twenter) Gerke, who preceded him in death.

On August 24, 1968, in Sedalia, MO, he was united in marriage to Linda Fay Bohon and shared 56 years together. Linda resides in the home.

Cecil attended several schools growing up until the seventh grade, when he attended and then eventually graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School in 1964. He graduated from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg in 1968 with an Accounting Degree. Cecil was always a hard worker. While attending school, he worked with his father at Leo H. Gerke Concrete Construction Co. and the Sedalia Democrat. After college, he worked for Dooley Accounting in Sedalia.

In the Spring of 1969, he and Linda moved to Columbia, MO, where Cecil worked for MFA Inc. They lived there until the summer of 1973 when they returned to Sedalia. Cecil worked at the Jensen Co., Waterloo, Multifoods, RGIS, and Gardner Denver. Cecil really enjoyed his several years working at the Missouri State Fair grounds until he officially retired in 2023.

In addition to his wife, Cecil is survived by four children, John Gerke (Dana) of Holts Summit, MO, Judy Gerke of Sedalia, Ginger Gerke of Sedalia, and Eric Gerke (Cody) of Marshall, MO; five grandchildren, Danielle, Justin, Ryan, Brayden, and Sophia; two great-grandchildren, Brekken and Ellinor; three brothers, Mike Gerke (Janet) of Winder, GA, Charles Gerke (Beverly) of Sedalia, and Mark Gerke (Darlene) of White House, TN; three sisters, Elizabeth Schopp (Norman) of Moberly, MO, Sharon Crane (Gene) of Centralia, MO, and Sr. Carol Gerke, of Great Bend, KS; Sister-in-Law, Susan Gerke of Olathe, KS; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by his brother, Earl Gerke.

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19, 2024

Sacred Heart Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul, Sedalia, MO

Officiant

Father Joe Corel - Presider

Deacon Jerry Connery- Deacon

Musician

Darrin Hartman

Gift Bearers

Danielle Gerke

Sophia Gerke

Altar Servers

Max VanLeer

Logan Howell

Order of Service

Processional Hymn: "On Eagles Wings"

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 - Kyle Crane

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" - Darrin Hartman

Second Reading: Romans 5: 5-11 - Doug Swafford

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a - Jerry Connery

Homily: Father Joe Corel

Preparation of Gifts Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

Communion Hymn: "Here I Am Lord"

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Charlie Gerke, Elizabeth Schopp

"The Song Of Farewell"

Recessional Hymn: "Old Rugged Cross"

Inurnment

Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, MO

Honorary Bearers

Brayden Gerke, Justin Gerke, Ryan Gerke

Memorials

Trinity Lutheran School in Alma, MO

The Sacred Heart School Foundation