



### ***These Hands***

*These hands ain't the hands of gentlemen.  
These hands are calloused and old.  
These hands raised a family,  
these hands raised a home.  
Now these hands raised to praise the Lord.  
These hands won the heart of my loved one.  
And with hers they were never alone.  
If these hands filled their task,  
then what more could one ask,  
For these fingers have worked to the bone.  
Now don't try to judge me by  
what you'd like to be,  
For my life ain't been much success.  
While some people have power,  
But still they grieve,  
while these hands brought me happiness.  
Now I'm tired and I'm old  
and I ain't got much gold.  
Maybe things ain't been all that I planned.  
God above, hear my plea,  
when it's time to judge me.  
Take a look at these hard-working hands.  
These hands.*

*In Loving Memory of*

# **Gerald Vode Mohr**

**February 12, 1936 ~ January 22, 2026**

### **Funeral Service**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Reliance, SD

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28, 2026

### **Officiating**

Rev. Wade Harr

### **Music**

Kym Lebeda ~ Pianist/Soloist

### **Casketbearers**

Garet Mohr  
Greg Mohr  
Conrad Mohr-Eymer  
Levi Mohr  
Corwin Mohr-Eymer  
Caitlin Mohr

### **Military Graveside Rites By**

Johnson-Peterson Post No. 179  
Kennebec-Reliance, SD

### **Interment**

Reliance Cemetery  
Reliance, SD

Family invites everyone for lunch & fellowship at the American Legion Hall in Reliance immediately following the committal services.

*Arrangements By: Hickey Funeral Home, Chamberlain, SD*

Gerald (Jerry) Vode Mohr was born February 12, 1936, to Margaret (Hess) and George Leonard Mohr at home in rural Lyman County. He attended school in Lyman County through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. After the passing of his stepfather he was forced to leave school and work on the farm. On August 21, 1954 he was united in marriage to Adella Mae (Schelske) (the first couple to be married at the new Trinity Lutheran Church in Reliance). Jerry joined the Army and they moved to Washington state before being stationed in Korea. Adella and Jerry had many wonderful memories of that time. In 1964 they moved an old house from Fort Hale Bottom to Lyman. They remodeled the house and this was their home for 57 years. During this time, they operated a dairy, farmed, and ranched. In the mid 60's after a rousing time with a Holstien bull (which involved a pitchfork), Adella told Jerry she was not going out with the cows until the bull was gone. Jerry was in a pickle because he didn't want to milk very much. The answer was learning how artificial inseminate cattle at a school provided by Carnation Genetics. He then not only AI'd our cows but thousands of cattle in California, Florida, and the surrounding states. In addition, he taught many other farmers/ranchers how to AI. We would have schools in our living room with the slide projector going.

Jerry was the perfect example of being a jack of all trades. He was an accomplished welder, mechanic, carpenter, and woodworker. He helped build many homes and barns through the years. In later years he worked on repairing, refinishing, and building furniture. He took great pride in passing these skills on to his grandchildren. Jerry was an avid reader through life. There was always a Louis L'Amour western, Farm Journal, or Minnesota Vikings paper next to his chair. Always willing to give his time, he continued a life of service. He served over 30 years on the Rex Township board in various positions. Later in life he served on the Trinity Lutheran Church council and local American Legion where he could be found cooking breakfast on the weekends.

Gerald passed away on January 22, 2026 at Sanford Emergency Room in Chamberlain at the age of 89 years. Grateful to have shared his life are son Greg V. Mohr of Pierre, SD, Grandson Levi Mohr (Miranda Deyo) of Pierre, and Great Grandson Noah, granddaughter Caitlin Mohr (Aaron Le) with great-granddaughters Ellie Mohr and Charlie Le of Pierre, SD, Daughter Gayle V. Mohr and husband Chris Eymmer, grandsons Conrad Mohr-Eymmer, and Corwin Mohr-Eymmer of Reliance, son Gareth V. Mohr and (Deb Fickett) of Aberdeen, SD, and Randall George who lived with us for a time and was like a third son. Survived by brother-in-law, Ralph and wife Gina of Chamberlain, sisters-in-law Connie Surat (her late husband Lowell) of Reliance, Karen and Steve Gunter of Piedmont, Dee and Steve Fletcher of Sioux Falls.

Preceding Gerald in death were his wife of 67 years, Adella; his parents Margaret and Leonard Mohr, brother, Gene Mohr and (wife) Helen Mohr, sisters, DeeVonne Whitlock and (husband) Randy Whitlock, Denise, and Mardelle, brother-in-law, Louis Schelske and (wife) Cleo Schelske, sister-in-law, Janice Schelske.



*A Life Remembered*