





Hope Strength

In Loving Memory of

Edward "Ed" Salzer

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Memorial Service
Saturday, October 31, 2026 - 1:00 PM
American Reformed Church
Luverne, Minnesota

Officiating - Rev. Mike Altena

Scripture Reading
Isaiah 40:31

Pianist - Glenda Jacobsma

Soloist - Darrel Van Aartsen,
"How Great Thou Art"

Congregational Hymns
" Amazing Grace"
"Just As I Am"

Recorded Music Selection
"Make It Well With My Soul"
as recorded by MercyMe

Inurnment
St. Catherine Catholic Cemetery
Luverne, Minnesota

Arrangements under the care of
HARTQUIST FUNERAL HOME



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October 5, 1939 - October 28, 2026



But they that wait upon *the Lord*
Shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with *wings* as eagles,
They shall run, and not be weary;
And they shall walk,
and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31



Edward Fred Salzer was born on October 5, 1939 to Fred and Hannah (Schweigert) Salzer in Pollock, South Dakota. Ed was raised on a farm near Pollock until age two when the family moved into town. He was baptized and confirmed at the Pollock Presbyterian Church in Pollock. During high school Ed participated in basketball and track. He also worked at the local grocery store and for area farmers. Ed graduated from Pollock High School in 1957. He went on to college at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, graduating in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. On August 18, 1961 he married Joan Lier at the Pollock Presbyterian Church. The couple began their married life in Canby, Minnesota, where Ed was employed as a fifth-grade teacher. Several years later he returned to Northern State University to complete his Master's Degree, graduating in 1966. He then became an Elementary Principal at Belview Elementary School in Belview, Minnesota. In 1972, the family moved to Luverne, Minnesota where Ed served as the Elementary Principal in Luverne Elementary School until his retirement in 1997.

Ed was a member of the American Reformed Church in Luverne where he served as Deacon, Elder, and as a Sunday School teacher. He also enjoyed singing in the choir. He was involved with the Luverne Lions Club and was a board member for Rock County Opportunities (DAC) from November 2011 to 2017. He stayed active in the community spending a great deal of time volunteering with Sanford Luverne Hospital and Sanford Luverne Hospice as a greeter. Ed and his wife were also honored to rock babies at Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls. He enjoyed serving coffee and visiting at the Mary Jane Brown Home. In his spare time, he stayed active walking, riding bike, camping and singing.

After retiring, Ed enjoyed traveling with his wife to numerous destinations. Travels took them to California, Oregon, Hawaii, London including parts of Southern and Northern Europe, and Japan. He was grateful to be an active part of his grandchildren's lives. He enjoyed attending as many activities as possible. He truly loved spending time with his family. Camping and the annual Okoboji trips at Cutty's were family favorites.

Ed's love for others and his Lord showed in his thoughtful acts of kindness. This love and kindness radiated in his work, community, and family life. He especially loved taking his grandchildren to the park, biking, reading, camping, swimming with them, and taking them out for an ice cream treat.

Ed was the best husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend that God could have blessed us with. He will always be remembered for his kind and caring heart, his giving nature, and devotion in serving the Lord. Ed also had a special compassion and love for children, was a dedicated educator, and demonstrated honesty in all his actions. He was also nicknamed by the teachers as the "Silver Fox". He has truly been a blessing to all who have known him. The most blessed have been his children. We love you dad!

On Wednesday, October 28th, 2026 while surrounded by his family at the Luverne Hospice Cottage, Ed peacefully went to be with his Lord at the age of 87 years and 23 days.

Left to cherish his memory are his children: Ruth (Bryan) Aldrich of Luverne, MN, Patty Kienholz of Luverne, Angie (Lenny) Akkerman of St. Michael MN, and Jon Salzer of Luverne; seven grandchildren: Nate (Megan) Aldrich, Sarah (Steven) Arriaza, Nicole McCray, Kristen (Kyle) Stoks, Alyssa Kienholz, Nick (Aspen) Akkerman, and Makayla Akkerman; seven great-grandchildren: Hunter, Connor and Theo Aldrich, Brayton, Quinn, and Micah McCray, and Ethan Stoks. Baby girl Akkerman due in February. Preceding him in death were his wife of 64 years, Joan (2025); his parents; his two brothers, Irvin and Chester Salzer; son-in-law, Bryan Kienholz (2025); and great-granddaughters, Nora Jane Stoks (2025) and Baby Aldrich (2017).