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In Loving Memory



Gerald Kemnitz

October 30, 1932- May 18, 2025

Gerald Kemnitz, born on October 30, 1932, in Cavalier, North Dakota, passed away peacefully on May 18, 2025, surrounded by the love and prayers of his family. He was the beloved son of Ida and Alfred Kemnitz.

A proud graduate of Cavalier High School's class of 1950, Gerald served as senior class president and married his high school sweetheart, Patsy (Sturlaugson) Kemnitz. Their marriage was a beautiful testament to love and devotion, lasting 68 wonderful years.

Together, Gerald and Patsy built a life rooted in strong love, hard work, and shared purpose on their family farm. Patsy's unwavering and tireless dedication were integral to everything Gerald pursued--together, they were a remarkable team.

In addition to farming, Gerald raised Simmental cattle and loved working with horses. Showing cattle at the Pembina County Fair became a cherished family tradition. Horse shows created strong friendships and lasting memories. Gerald also loved horse races. He and Patsy were fortunate to attend several Kentucky Derbies and Breeders Cups, as well as the Preakness and the Belmont Stakes.

Gerald had a natural talent for selling—a gift that shaped much of his life and legacy. In 1966, he became an auctioneer, a role that was far more than a job—it was a calling. He took pride in helping people reach their goals, but even more so in the connections he made along the way. With an extraordinary memory for people and stories, Gerald could recall something meaningful from nearly every sale.

Over the years, Gerald expanded his work to include selling Vermeer balers—helping to introduce round bales to local farmers. Gerald later sold his Vermeer dealership to Hanson Implement Company where they welcomed his presence. . .and his stories! No matter what he was selling, Gerald's greatest joy came from the conversations, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to help others. He was a born salesman with a heart for the people!

Gerald also found great joy in the outdoors. He loved hunting and fishing, especially introducing others to spring fishing trips in Canada. In the fall, he could often be found sitting in his hunting shack, quietly waiting for the "big one"! At age 92, he proudly bagged a 5-point buck--his last shot, and a story we'll all remember.

"Retirement" never quite described Gerald's later years--his life remained full of friendship, family, and adventure. He and Patsy spent their winters at Trail Riders Park in Mesa, Arizona, where they formed deep and lasting friendships that became like family. Gerald's love for UND sports shone in the special moments he shared attending home football games with his granddaughter, Laura. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren hold fond memories of time on the farm filled with Grandpa's teasing, stories, and laughter.

At the heart of Gerald's life was faith. His faith guided his values and his actions. We find comfort in knowing that Gerald is now reunited in Heaven with his beloved Patsy, the love of his life and best friend. We imagine the boyish twinkle in his eye, the quip or story he's eager to share, and the joy of being together again with those who have gone before him.

The words of a Daniel O'Donnell song capture the spirit of Gerald's life:
*"Let's be thankful for all of the good things
We have in our lives every day.
So until the next time I see you,
Close to my heart you will stay."*

Gerald is survived by his children: Kathy (Chuck) Fisher, Linda (Lynn) Paulson, Nancy (John) Jenson, and Duane (Shawnda) Kemnitz; daughter-in-law, Karen; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; his brother, Myron (Molly) Kemnitz; and sister-in-law, Karen (Charlie) Clark. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy; his son, Darrell; and his brother, Ervin.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Trinity Methodist Church
Cavalier, North Dakota

CLERGY

Rev. Chuck Olmstead

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Because He Lives"

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

Cheryl Hartz, Pianist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

"I'll Fly Away"

Laura Ermer, Keith Hartz &

Nicole Safranski, Vocalists

Suzanne Ashpole, Accompanist

CASKET BEARERS

Chuck Fisher Lynn Paulson John Jenson
Shawnda Kemnitz Laura Paulson Ervin Sott
Kurt Kemnitz Alfred Morrison Keith Hartz

INTERMENT

Cavalier Cemetery
Cavalier, North Dakota