

Dr. Harlan Howard Geiger, 93, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2025. Dr. Geiger was born January 15, 1932, to parents Grant and Anna (Liska) Geiger in Kenmare, North Dakota. He graduated from Kenmare High School and the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts with degrees in biology and chemistry. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. Subsequently, Harley received his Doctorate in Optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry.

While in high school, Harlan was the third member of his family to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He later began and led Troop 244 in Fargo, North Dakota. In 1950, at the age of 18, he was a camp counselor at Lord's Highway Boys Camp in Connecticut. This camp was a philanthropy sponsored by the Duke Family Foundation for young, troubled boys.

Harley married his sweetheart, JoeAnn Margaret Johnson, on June 22, 1957. Immediately upon graduation from graduate school, he served as a lieutenant in the Air Force. Military obligations took Harley and JoeAnn to Gunter base in Montgomery, Alabama and Tinker base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They moved to Fargo in 1961.

Dr. Geiger is survived by his wife, JoeAnn, and four daughters: Louise (Greg) Jensen, Linnea (Lester) Geiger Hill, Laura (Scott) Webster and Leslie (Steve) Eggan. He is also survived by eight grandchildren – Andrea (Mike) Kramer, Travis (Casie) Jensen, Dane Jensen, Amanda (Riley) Webster, Jake Webster, Jenna Webster, Grant (Elizabeth) Eggan, and Leah (Grant) Sorenson. He is also survived by six great-grandchildren – Henry, Grayson and Luca Jensen, Weston, William and Bennett Kramer. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Glenn (Mary) Geiger and Peter (Helen) Geiger, and sister Beulah (Bob) Finn.

Dr. Geiger practiced as an optometrist in Fargo for 37 years with locations in downtown Fargo and on 13th Avenue South, as well as at a satellite location in Casselton earlier in his career. Harlan served as President of the North Dakota Optometric Association and on the State Board of Examiners in Optometry. He traveled to Medelin, Columbia with Volunteers for Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH). He was recognized as the National Contact Lens Man of the Year by the National Optometric Association in 1967 for his work fitting athletes with gas permeable bi-focal contacts, predominantly NDSU football players.

Dr. Geiger served on the original Fargo Dome Authority from 1989-1997 and ten more years on the Building Committee. He was Chair of the Hour of Worship at Messiah Lutheran Church television ministry for 10 years. Harley sang in the church choir for 10 years and in several performances with the FM Opera. He was campaign manager for Gib Bromenschenkel's many successful races for City Commissioner as well as wife JoeAnn's campaign to serve on the Fargo School Board. He retired from golf at age 90. He was an original tennis group player at the Fargo Racquet Club when it opened and played the game for over 40 years.

The highlight of Harley's days was time spent at Pelican Lake in the summer for over 50 years with family; he also enjoyed wintering at the Landings in Fort Myers, Florida for 18 years. He enjoyed golfing, tennis, water skiing and snow skiing. Persuaded by his wife, JoeAnn, he traveled to every state in the union and every Canadian province as well as 24 countries of the world. His family was most important to him.

Celebrating the Life of



DR. HARLAN HOWARD GEIGER



January 15, 1932 – October 27, 2025

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

VERSE 1 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 2 - Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who was and is, and evermore shalt be.

VERSE 3 - Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, love, and purity.

VERSE 4 - Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Psalm 116:8 - For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.

Ephesians 1:18 - The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

John 6:40 - For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Romans 5:1-11 - Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment.

For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR HARLAN GEIGER

Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM - Salem Church, Moorhead

Welcome & Prayer

Congregational Hymn - "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

words by Reginald Heber

melody by John Bacchus Dykes

Eulogies

Louise Geiger Jensen, daughter

Jack Marcil, friend

Grant Eggan, grandson

Dane Jensen, grandson

Jenna Webster, granddaughter

Solo - "A PERFECT DAY"

words and music by Carrie Jacobs-Bond

Pastoral Message

SOLO - "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

words - Matthew 6:9-13

music by Albert Hay Malotte

Military Honors - PRESENTATION OF FLAG & BUGLE TAPS

Committal & Closing Prayer

Recessional - Audio Song - "US AIR FORCE HYMN"

words and music by Robert MacArthur Crawford

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Pastor - Ken Bohney of Salem Evangelical Free Church

Keyboard - Tammy Jasperse

Vocalist - Justin James

Sound - Brady Heuberger

Facilities - Bonnie Kallod, Mariah Grigorenko, Sarah Hanson

Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home