



## Gerald William Peikert

October 31, 1939 - March 8, 2020

Due to Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel closing due to the Covid-19 Virus.

The Funeral service for Gerald W. Peikert will be canceled.

Gerald William Peikert, age 80, of South Haven, died Sunday, March 8, 2020, at the St. Cloud Hospital. A private family service will be held.

There will be no visitation Friday evening at the Johnson Funeral Home in Dassel.

In lieu of flowers. please remember Jerry by contributing to the local food shelf or the Dassel Cokato School District, where he taught and coached.

Gerald William Peikert, the son of William and Lorraine (Hillstrom) Peikert, was born on October 31, 1939, in Greenfield, Minnesota. Gerald was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith and was a member of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Dassel at the time of his death. Gerald grew up in the Greenfield area where he graduated from the Rockford High School. He continued his education by attending the University of Minnesota, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics.

On October 8, 1966, Gerald was united in marriage to Joyce Nelson in

Hopkins, Minnesota. Together they made their home in Dassel until 1976, when they moved to a farm in rural South Haven. Together they have raised their three children and spoiled their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gerald accepted a position as a math teacher and coach at the Dassel High School in 1966. When Dassel and Cokato school districts consolidated, he continued to teach Math. He loved his students and enjoyed seeing them reach true understanding of mathematical concepts. Jerry retired from teaching after 42 years in the classroom. He continued to support the school district by attending Charger athletic events.

Jerry loved to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He always enjoyed spending time fishing whether in a boat or a fish house. He truly loved spending time outside in the fields and garden amongst the dirt and plants. He would spend many hours in the garden either weeding, pruning or just enjoying the nature around him. He could often be found during the summer just sitting in his garden or by the raspberry patch. He also enjoyed passing on his knowledge of growing up tapping maple trees to make maple syrup. This was an activity the whole family came to enjoy with him. He always looked forward to having breakfast with either friends or family during the week. He loved to read the local and state newspapers such as the Minneapolis Star and Tribune and Enterprise Dispatch and complete the Sudoku puzzles to keep his mind fresh. Jerry was an avid coach, having coached football, baseball and wrestling. He was a devoted supporter of the Minnesota Gophers and Minnesota Vikings.

Jerry is survived by his daughters, Kristine (Richard) Peikert Elliott of Waite Park, Pam Peikert of Annandale, and Amy Peikert Nordstrom of South Haven, four grandchildren, Cecilia (Jaibyne Braatz) Nordstrom, Tarren (Bethany Grangroth) Nordstrom, Abigail Nordstrom, and Jordan Nordstrom, three great grandchildren, Haylin Nordstrom and Mavis Braatz and Cormick Braatz, He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, parents, William and Lorraine Peikert, three grandchildren, twin infant babies, Breanne and Kyle and an infant baby girl, Paige, son-in-law, James Nordstrom and his brother, Dennis Peikert.

# Tribute Wall

TK

“ I was in Rockford today (3/2/2024) for a basketball tournament game for my grandson and thought of Gerry. We shared an apartment in the Dinky Town area while attending the U of M. There were 4 of us in the apartment and we took turns making the evening meal. He frequently brought fresh milk to the apartment from the farm. One time the milk spilled in the back seat floor and it created quite a smell which he could never get out and got worse. I think it was one reason he wanted to (or did) sell the car. He would talk about Joyce and his plans. All in all, I remember him as a great guy!  
- Tom K, class of 1965

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**Tom K** - March 02, 2024 at 11:47 PM

SR

“ Dear Kris, Pam and Amy,  
  
I just found out today that your dad is no longer with us. I'm so sorry for your loss. He was one of my favorite teachers in high school, even though all those proofs and theorems were so boring. I have nice memories of him, and my life is richer because of having known him. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Susan Raisanen

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**Susan Raisanen** - July 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM

TB

“ Jerry and I went head to head as 7th grade football coaches for many years as we watched 13 year olds from DC and Delano battle it out each fall. I'm sure we evenly split our contests, but the best was meeting with Jerry soon after each game and laughing and giving each other a good ribbing. He was a wonderful teacher, coach, and friend.

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**Tom Berggren** - March 20, 2020 at 08:14 PM

JL

“ *The Peikert Family,*

*I have great memories of your Dad, from being at Eggert's, to the Class room and as a coach. I also remember what a great friend he was to my Mom when she was sick, he would stop often, talk school with Mom and hunting and Fishing with my Dad. I bumped into a couple of weeks ago in the French Lake store, so glad I was able to say Hi.*

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**Jerome S Lindquist** - March 16, 2020 at 11:22 AM

GL

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Peikert passing. Our condolences to the family. I have very fond memories of Mr. Peikert coming over to visit my Dad on the weekends. They would have coffee and a good visit nearly every weekend. He was great friend of the family.*

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**Gregory E Lindwall** - March 11, 2020 at 04:46 PM

TG

“ *I have many great memories from my trips up North with Pike and the rest of the crew, when I was a youngster. He had lots of great advice and words of wisdom always. There are some great Cribbage games going on right now in Heaven.*

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**Tony G** - March 10, 2020 at 09:02 PM

JS

“ *Coach Peikert was my math teacher, besides my football & wrestling coach. He was a great person, he use to take me to his parents farm outside Rockford & let me work for free as I enjoyed farming. God Bless him & may he Rest in Peace. God bless your family....*

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**Joel A Peterson Sr** - March 10, 2020 at 07:31 PM

LY

“ Kris ,Pam and AmyHave very fond memories of Jerry as Bryce and I spent many days with your mom and dad. He will greatly be missed. You have my deepest sympathy

LynnSowers - March 10, 2020 at 06:20 PM

MW

“ GERRY" CAME IN TO BROADWAY BS WITH THE MEN AND EVERY TUE AND THUR WHEN HE WAS SAD THEY WOULD SAY HE NEEDS A HUG. SO I WOULD GIVE HIM A HUG AND HE SAID I FEEL BETTER NOW HE WAS AN AWESOME GUY AND A VERY GOOD CUSTOMER.IAM SO GLAD I GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET HIM AND SERVE HIM COFFEE AND BREAKFAST..I WILL MISS YOU GERRY MY FRIEND AND CUSTOMER



MARGARET ANN WERMTER - March 10, 2020 at 05:40 PM



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Johnson Funeral Home - March 10, 2020 at 04:36 PM