



Carl M. Gustafson

March 25, 1919 - August 31, 2019

Stoic, loving, caring, and generous describe Carl Martin Gustafson. He was born on the Charlotte and Andrew Gustafson homestead to Rena Sallman and Anton Gustafson March 25, 1919. Carl was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church where he was a member much of his life, serving as an elder, deacon, and vice-chair of the church council. A special joy was co-chairing the building committee for the present facility built in 1970.

After graduating from McPherson High School in 1937, Carl pursued his lifelong passion for farming. In February of 1942 he was called to serve his country in the Pacific Theatre as part of the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Air Corps. Upon discharge in October 1945, he accepted a position at Swanson Electric. It was Valentine's Day 1947 when Glen and Marjorie Lattin introduced him on a blind date to the love of his life, Trula Emma Steuber, a nurse at Asbury Hospital. Following a whirlwind romance, they married June 15, 1947. To this union were born three children – Steven Carl, Trudy Kay, and James Anton.

Vocationally Carl continued to farm part-time, worked as a machinist for Swick-Guth and later accepted a position at NCRA from which he retired in 1983. Carl and Trula took several trips to Europe, traveled extensively throughout the United States, and spent much quality time with their children and families. They enjoyed the fruits of their garden, were active in church activities, and relished time with close friends.

Following Trula's death September 15, 2004, from Alzheimer's Disease, Carl went daily to the McPherson Senior Center, continued as a member of Lion's Club, and served the local VFW as chaplain for 21 years. Until one month ago, he lived independently, enjoying time with family and friends. On Saturday, August 31, 2019, Carl passed into his Savior's eternal care.

Family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Friday, September 6, at Stockham Family Funeral Home. The Service of Christian Burial will be at his church home, New Gottland Lutheran Church, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 7. Burial will follow in the

McPherson Cemetery. Following the committal, family and friends are invited for lunch and fellowship in the basement of the church.

Carl is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends, including son Steven (Gail), daughter Trudy Mills (Roger), and son James. Nine grandchildren: Eric (Kara) Gustafson, Andrew (Colleen) Gustafson, Ingrid Gustafson (David Rice), Emily Mills (Sebastien) Marineau, John (Shelby) Mills, Christina Mills (Jared) White, Kristen Gustafson, James (Ashley) Gustafson, and Caroline Gustafson. Great-grandchildren: Ethan, Charlie, Carla, and Evan Gustafson; Louise and Malin Mills; Madeleine White; and Vincent Marineau. Sisters-in law: Ruth Meyer, Alice Steuber, and Wanda Steuber. Brother-in-law: Neal Steuber. Other family include numerous nieces and nephews and several cousins. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mabel Shugar.

Memorials in Carl's memory and honor are suggested to New Gottland Lutheran Church or Friendship Meals of the McPherson Senior Center in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460.

Cemetery

McPherson Cemetery
Maxwell & Avenue A
McPherson, KS, 67460

Events

- SEP

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

Stockham Family Funeral Home

205 N. Chestnut St., McPherson, KS, US, 67460
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Funeral Service

10:00AM

New Gottland Lutheran Church

1822 17th Avenue, McPherson, KS, US, 67460

Comments



“ Hi guys, very sorry to hear about Mr. Gustafson. He lived a good long life & can now join your Momma ... but I know you will miss him very much. May God comfort your hearts with so many wonderful memories.

Most Sincerely,
Louie Potts Peterson :0)



Louie Potts Peterson - September 07, 2019 at 12:59 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Carl Gustafson Video Tribute



Tammie Stockham - September 05, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“ Jimmy and family, so sorry to hear of Carl's passing. So soon after losing my Mother, I know the pain you all are feeling. Carl was a wonderful man. I enjoyed our Pizza Hut Wednesdays with Carl and Mary Peterson when I would be in town visiting. My thoughts are with all of you.

Keith Hanson

Keith Hanson - September 04, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ The Hartzog's-Bob, Joyce, Cliff, Annette and kids purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl M. Gustafson.



The Hartzog's-Bob, Joyce, Cliff, Annette and kids - September 04, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ It was my honor to know Carl at the Senior Center. He was a "Prince of a Man"

Cheryl Thalheim

Cheryl Thalheim - September 02, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ I always enjoyed helping your dad at Home State Bank! He was very kind! My sympathy.

Cindy Christiansen - September 01, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Carl was a very special person to me. I manage the Friendship Meals at the Senior Center and Carl was liked by everyone who ate there. He helped me count the money everyday and was most gracious when I asked him to say the blessing. Until he moved from his apartment he rode the bicycle at the Senior center for 25 minutes. Carl always had a smile on his face and his table loved to talk about the old days. He has been missed in the last month. My condolences go out the his family. We knew Jim as he would come to eat with Carl when he was in town.

Connie Birkes - September 01, 2019 at 08:03 PM