



Gordon Neuberger

August 10, 1927 - June 22, 2009

Reverend Gordon G. Neuberger Pastor G.G., 81, Bismarck, died June 22, 2009, at Medcenter One St. Vincent's Care Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Robert Lynne and Pastor Craig Schweitzer officiating. Burial will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Bismarck. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Medcenter One St. Vincent's Care Center, Bismarck, and will continue from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Thursday at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 p.m.. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Gordon was born August 10, 1927, in Krem, ND, on his parents' farm 22 miles north of Hazen the son of August and Lydia Boepple Neuberger. He graduated from Beulah High School in 1945. Gordon went on to attend Wartburg College in Waverly, IA, and graduated with a B.A. degree in 1948. He married Erma Krausz on June 19, 1949, in Beulah, ND He attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA, from 1948-1953. During that time he served a two-year internship at the Rush Lake, Saskatchewan parish in Canada. Located in western Saskatchewan, the parish was a "little kingdom" consisting of four congregations and three preaching stations. The parish was 105 miles in length and 40 miles wide. His supervisor, and nearest neighbor was at Moose Jaw, 104 miles to the east. He graduated from Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1953 and was ordained on June 14, 1953, at Zion Lutheran Church in Beulah. He accepted a call to his

first parish at Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, which consisted of three congregations, the furthest being 55 miles northwest of Yellow Grass. After serving Yellow Grass from 1953 until 1958, he accepted a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, New Leipzig, ND, during which time a new church was built. After serving Immanuel Lutheran from 1958-1965, Gordon accepted a call to St. Luke Lutheran in Wishek, ND, where he served from April 1, 1965, until April 1, 1979. He accepted a call to Zion Lutheran Church in Mohall, ND, where he served from September 1, 1979, until August 1, 1988. He accepted a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Center, ND, where he began serving September 1, 1988. Retiring in 1994 and moving to Bismarck, Gordon served as visitation pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for several years. Pastor G. G. was registered nationally as an Emergency Medical Technician and with the state of North Dakota as an Emergency Care Technician – Ambulance squad for 5 years. He drove school bus for 10 years and was an active member of the Lions Club for many years. When he wasn't working crossword puzzles or reading, he could often be seen smoking his pipe filled with black cherry pipe tobacco or driving his 1927 Whippet antique car in local area parades. He enjoyed buying and selling vehicles frequently and it was not uncommon to see him driving a new car with a "For Sale" sign in the window. Always dressed in a sport coat or suit with a white shirt, he had a wide selection of ties that were often bright in color or interesting in design and he was always a favorite of those who enjoyed a tootsie roll because it was seldom that he would go anywhere without several to hand out and a joke or two to tell at the same time. Gordon is survived by his wife, Erma, Bismarck; his two sons, Wayne Neuberger, Atlanta, GA, and James Neuberger, Bismarck; his sister, Lucille Kessler, Bismarck; his brother, Elmer Neuberger, Beulah; his grandchildren, Garrett Neuberger and Brooke Auston-Williams Lance, and his great grandchild, Tatym Auston-Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Elaine Goetz. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Western ND Synod Ministry Trust Fund.

Tribute Wall

HG

“ We wish to extend our sympathies to Gordon Neuberger's family. Pastor Neuberger married us in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, July 16th, 1953 - we believe we were the first couple he married while at Yellow Grass and area. As well, Pastor Neuberger performed the funeral for Ivy's grandmother, in Lang, one week prior to our marriage. Our daughter, who lives in Minot, found the obituary in the Minot Daily News. We were saddened to hear of Pastor Neuberger's passing. Our sympathies. Herb and Ivy Grams

Herb and Ivy Grams - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Dear Neuberger Family, I just opened my most recent copy of "The Lutheran" to find out that dear G. G. passed away. I am truly sorry for your loss. For the first 15 years of my life, he was the only pastor I knew. His teaching was very formative for my own journey toward becoming a pastor. He was the first to open up my eyes about God's Grace! I was a Lutheran Confessions teaching assistant in seminary...mostly because of all the things because of all that memory work he had us do! I was probably the worst "sermon note taker" ever and remember always answering the question "How did the sermon end?" with the word "Amen." He never called me on it, but one time when I forgot to have my parents sign my homework, I wrote, "nobody was home to sign it," his return comment was, "did you get supper?" It was fun to be his colleague during the few years I served in ND. There will never be another G.G. However, he planted a lot of seeds of the Gospel that will continue to grow and spread for generations!

Pastor Pam Burlack Marolla - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ God's Blessings and Peace from Marlene and family. We all have many memories of the manytimes we spent together.

Marlene Derr - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Kindest Greetings, Mrs. Neuberger and family, The Feistner name meant something to Pastor Neuberger. Both of my uncles were at Seminary at Wartburg when he attended. So, when I moved into Tolley, ND, he asked if I knew George or Harry Feistner. They were my uncles. Pastor Neuberger guided me in the first call and through the years as a spiritual director. A situation would come and as I described it, Pastor Neuberger would give me the scripture and the sermon, the insights and the advice I needed to see God's hand. From Pastor TF Doyen as my confirmation pastor, my own father, and Pastor Neuberger, I have been blessed with God's messengers. God surround you with God's love, Mrs. Neuberger and family. -- sincerely, Mary Feistner.

Pastor Mary Feistner - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Gordon Neuberger

Delmar Della Schilling - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Erma and boys, We were so sorry to hear about GG, we loved him so, he was truly a man of God and such a dear friend, we shared so many visits and birthday cards, and always loved to see him and get the famous Christmas letter, Friday is a bad day in the workplace but will try to get up there before then, we will miss him greatly, he did our wedding in 1974 as well. God Bless Jo and Vic Vilhauer

Jo - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ So sorry to hear about Rev. GG's death. May it comfort you to know that he was a friend and source of comfort to many; that he was well-respected, and will be remembered by all who met him.
Sincerely, Deb

Debra Deyle Grenz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Rev. Neuberger perhaps didn't have many families in his congregations that had 10 kids; 9 of us are still living! I'm the oldest and by the time I married, my parents were living in Ashley. What a mess Lutherans and Catholics made of things in those days . . . Jim and I obtained dispensation to be married in a Lutheran church yet recognized by the Catholic church. Rev Neuberger was gracious and at my fiance's request, he came to Ashley to marry us! Jim frequently tells people, "The Lutherans tied a pretty tight knot!" We have thought of Rev. Neuberger fondly through the now nearly 38 years. Our prayers are with you through this time of grief and celebration of the life of a wonderful pastor! Jennie

Jennie Buck and Jim Rodlund - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Hello Neuberger family, Just had to send condolences from our family to yours. I will share this sad news with my mother, La Vera Ottmar, who always shared G.G. and Erma's Christmas letters with me. Such clever and entertaining letters they were!! I have such fond memories of G.G....when I played for church services in Wishek. He always had a special funny cue for me during the German-speaking service. I didn't always understand everything and leave it to him to keep me on track during the service! I also have special memories of visiting with him in his church office when I returned to Wishek during a couple of summers after our family moved to Iowa. He was a great guy...had a big influence on my growing-up years in the church. A great sense of humor and great wit as well. I hope you are all doing ok. God be with you during this difficult time. Take care, Janice Ottmar Moeller

Janice Ottmar Moeller - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Erma, Wayne & James - We are so sorry to hear about G.G. Hearing his name instantly brings a smile to our faces. There wasn't a time that we went to Mohall to visit Truman and Agnes Grandma & Grandpa and G.G. & Erma welcomed us with a wave from across the street and a visit full of jokes, laughter and the 'real story' about what was going on at the Dahle house. We thoroughly enjoy getting to know Truman and Agnes's dear friends across the street. As a teenager visiting Grandma and Grandpa often during the summer, Shari can remember going to church on Sunday mornings and listening to G.G.'s sermons. Then going home and discussing them with her Grandparents. G.G. new how to tell a story and bring full circle into how it related to God and his heavenly kingdom. No matter your age, the message was always clear and concise with a little humor mixed in to keep you on your toes and listening. He was a great man, a great friend and we will always think of him fondly. The Dahle's Phil, Sally, Shari & Mark

Sharon Dahle Heap - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM