

Ernst H. Gerlich

Ernst H. Gerlich was born December 29, 1920, at Bockau, Germany, to Heinrich and Martha (Klein) Gerlich. He was born, educated, raised, married, and had two children while living in Germany. He married Irma Martha Rudolph at Tönning, Germany, on June 21, 1947. In June of 1952, the family moved to Alliance, NE, where they farmed. In 1966, they moved to Deadwood, SD, where Ernst worked at Homestake. They moved to Sturgis in 1980.

Ernst enjoyed fishing, trips to Deadwood for a little fun, and he was a member of the Rushmore German Club. He volunteered many years at Summerfest.

Ernst, 91, Sturgis, died Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the Belle Fourche Long Term Care Center.

Survivors include his son, Karl (Betty) Gerlich, Omaha, NE; daughters, Regina Gerlich, St. Onge, and Diana (Mike) Leveque, Sturgis; sister, Elisabeth Wollschlaeger, Germany; grandchildren, Karen, Daniel, Meredith, Travis, and Brittany; great-grandchildren, Paige, Mariah, Kayla, Nivek, Zac, Seth, and a little girl soon to arrive.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irma; brother, Alfred; and sisters, Lydia, Else, and Martha.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadefunerals.com.



*In Loving
Memory Of*



Ernst H. Gerlich

1920 ~ 2012





*God saw he was getting tired
and a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around him
And whispered "come to Me."
With tearful eyes we watched him suffer
And saw him fade away
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating
Hardworking hands to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He takes the very best.*

"Together Again"

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Born

December 29, 1920
Bockau, Germany

Died

August 12, 2012
Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

Officiating

Pastor Will Olsen

Musical Selections

"Beer Barrel Polka"
"Fliege mit mir in die Heimat"
(Fly With Me In The Homeland)

Pallbearers

Mike Leveque ~ Travis Gerlich ~ Leon Paugh
Marty Geffre ~ Chris Fritz ~ Chuck Even

Honorary Pallbearers

Seth Leveque Paugh ~ Rick Borger ~ Walt Borger
And All Other Friends

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites everyone to a time of fellowship and refreshments
at Grace Lutheran Church following the interment service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*