

August 14, 2003

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Visitation will be held at the chapel from 2-9pm on Thursday with a prayer service at 8:30pm. Visitation continues at the church for one hour prior to services on Friday.

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Verdon, SD to August and Anna (Milbradt) Erdmann. He was baptized there on June 11, 1911 and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith on June 5, 1927 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, by Rev. Paul Siegel. His confirmation verse was John 15:5.

From 1934-1936, Gerhardt served as a section leader in the Civilian Conservation Corp in the Black Hills area. On September 7, 1947 he married Orlean Moe at Saron Lutheran Church, rural Audubon, Minnesota. They made their home in the same house his parents and grandparents had lived. This homestead house was occupied by the Erdmann family for 114 years. Gerhardt and his brother, Gottlieb, farmed together in Garden Prairie Township, Brown County for 50 years. The farm was declared a century farm in 1986. Gerhardt had been Garden Prairie township supervisor for many years. He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferney, where he held offices of elder, Sunday School superintendent and building chairman.

Gerhardt was known for his love of the Lord, family, church and farm life. He enjoyed telling and re-telling of CCC stories, woodworking, singing and baseball.

Blessed to have shared in his life are his wife, Orlean, of 56 years; five daughters, Eileen (Bill) Schuelke, Groton; Charlotte Erdmann, West Lafayette, IN; Barbara (Glenn) Whicker, Rowlett, TX; Mary Walter, Pierre; and Helen (David) Gerhard, Green Bay, WI; eight grandchildren, Nikki (Andrew) Berg, Ocala, FL; Ryan Lambeth, Clute, TX; Tate (Glenda) Walter, Kuwait; Jacqueline (Jim) Ferrell, Groton; Eric Gerhard, St. Paul, MN; Paul Walter, Pierre; Jonathan Gerhard, Oklahoma City, OK and Austin Schuelke, Groton; seven great-grandchildren, three sisters, Betty Newell, Sacramento, CA; Lydia (Dale) Flanagan, Hot Springs; Gertrude (Bill) DeBow, Staples, MN and many nieces and nephews.

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