



Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts

October 3, 1944 - October 13, 2015

Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts age 71 of Alexandria died on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at his home. A Memorial Service will be held 11:00 AM on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Visitation will be held 4-7 PM on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Anderson Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Obituary

Gerald "Butch" Dwight Garrelts was born on October 3, 1944 in Emmetsburg, Iowa to Heike and Myrtle (Shellabarger) Garrelts. In 1955, the family moved to Browerville, MN and later to Eagle Bend. Butch graduated from Parkers Prairie High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in January of 1964 and served in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in January of 1966.

On January 7, 1967, Butch was united in marriage to Carol Aslagson at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holmes City. Butch worked for the Osakis Silo Company for a short time before becoming a plumber and working for Jerry Tilleskjaer. He received his journeyman and later his master plumbing certificate. Butch went to work for the local union 126 of Detroit Lakes as a pipefitter and welder. He received his journeyman in pipefitting and also became a certified welder. Butch worked all over the northern states with the union. In 1991, Butch retired due to his health. In November of 1997, he became bedridden

but never lost his sense of humor. His loving wife Carol became his caretaker.

Gerald loved hunting and fishing. He took hunting trips to Iowa, Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming, and fishing trips to Canada. During the winter months Gerald and Carol would take long road trips. One of their most memorable trips was when they drove down the east coast to Florida and got forced to look for a new vehicle but had a hard time finding one with four wheel drive. They then continued on to Texas, Nevada and then back home.

Butch died on October 13, 2015 at his home at the age of 71. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Carol, sisters, Joan (Ellsworth) Hauschen, Margaret (Al) Fisher, Sharon (Jerry) Gothman; sister-in-law, Diane Garrelts; brother-in-law, Bob (Millie) Clayton and many nieces and nephews and his shih tzu, Heidi. Butch is preceded in death by parents, Heike and Myrtle; one brother, Delmer Garrelts and three sisters, Bonnie Clayton, Shirley Sullivan, and Carolyn Farmer.

A memorial service was held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria with Reverend Hans Dahl officiating. Inurnment was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Holmes City.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Holmes City, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home
659 Voyager
Alexandria, MN 56308
<http://andersonfuneral.net>

Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
605 Douglas
Alexandria, MN 56308

Memorial Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Lutheran Church
605 Douglas
Alexandria, MN 56308

Tribute Wall



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts



Anderson Funeral Home - October 26, 2015 at 01:55 PM



“ Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts



Anderson Funeral Home - October 15, 2015 at 08:41 PM

MD

“ Mike And Anita Doering lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts



Mike and Anita Doering - October 19, 2015 at 02:02 PM

AD

“ *Anita Doering lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts*



Anita Doering - October 19, 2015 at 02:01 PM

DC

“ *Dewey & Misti Cooper purchased the Beautiful D reams for the family of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts.*



Dewey & Misti Cooper - October 18, 2015 at 07:33 AM

BS

“Hi Carol: I am so sorry to hear about "Butch". Although, I never met him, I felt like he was a part of our quilting group. His last 15 years were special because of the love and care you gave him. He would never have done so well without you. We know that he is in a great place and now will have peace. You will really miss him but you know that you have wonderful stitching friends that will pray guide you through each day. I know that you are better then many of us to take care of all that needs to be done.

I am in Hudson Wisconsin staying with my Grandsons as their parents are out of town until late Sunday night. Sid and I are going to try to leave here and get back to Alex by the funeral. Just know that if I don't make, it that we are praying and thinking of you.

Please feel free to call at any time if you need a stitching friend. I am around most of the time.

Love Bonnie and Sid Strand

Bonnie Strand - October 17, 2015 at 10:21 AM

DF

“Diane Garrelts and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts.



Diane Garrelts and Family - October 17, 2015 at 09:50 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald "Butch" D. Garrelts.*



October 15, 2015 at 08:40 PM



“ *54 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Anderson Funeral Home - October 15, 2015 at 08:35 PM