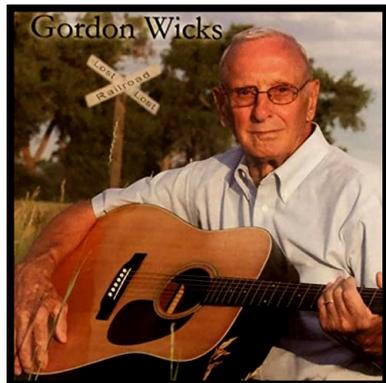


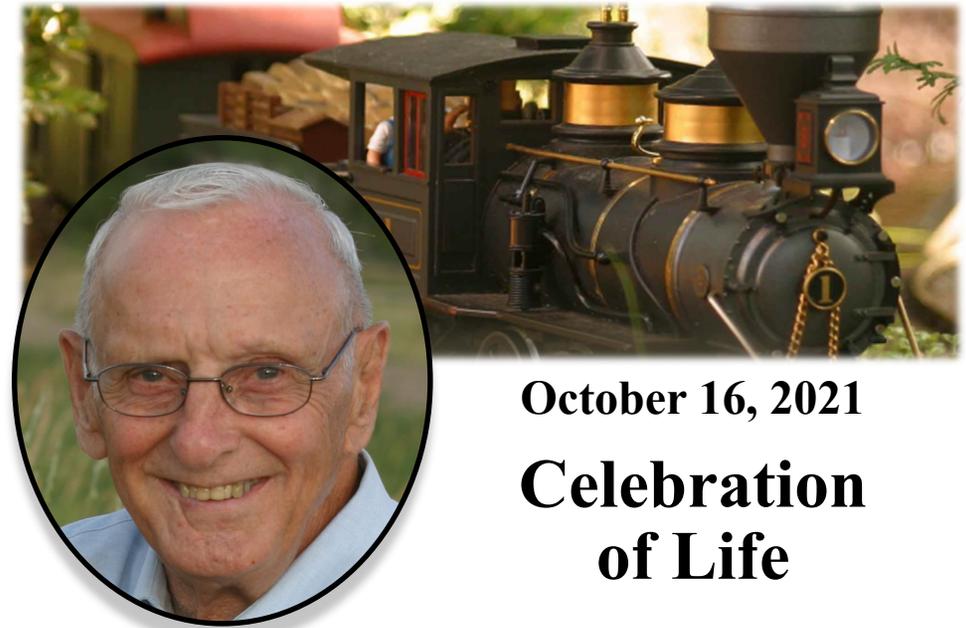
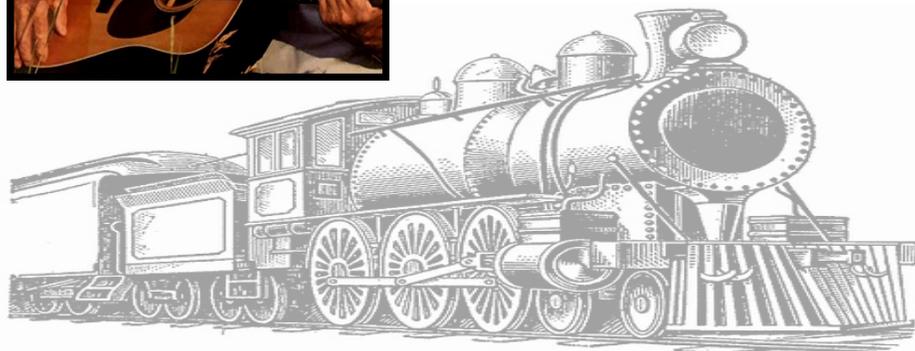
Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the day
And the Sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long.
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love we once shared-
Miss me, but let go,

For this is a journey we all must take
And each must go alone,
It's part of the Makers plan,
A step on the road to home,
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrow in doing good
deeds-
Miss me, but let me go.



Victorian poet
Christina Rossetti



October 16, 2021
Celebration
of Life

Gordon Everett Wicks

Charter Member of
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*Called by the Spirit of Christ to Show God's Love:
We Worship, Teach and Serve.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Pastors Intro

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

Video Starts *

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSION

INTRODUCTION (ELW p. 279)

Welcome in the name of Jesus,
the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship,
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our brother Gordon Wicks,
to give thanks for Gordon life,
to commend Gordon to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 280)

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of
the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we
glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life,
who suffered death for all humanity,
who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,
we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life,
the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope,
we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity,
be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

the fairway, sinking many a long shot. He was proud to have hit two hole
-in-ones in his 80s.

Gordon loved to read and write and keep up with the world around him.
He wrote poetry that he shared with family and friends. A woman once
stopped him to thank him for saving her life after he shared a poem he
wrote about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

He played piano and guitar and sang for friends and family and to his
kids nearly every night before bed. For years the highlight of his week
was to play and sing with bluegrass musicians who gathered at
Rockerville. In 2006, for Gordon's 80th birthday, his family helped him
to produce an album of original music featuring songs about his life in
the 1930s and other folk songs that had been sung to him as a child.

Gordon didn't become a politician, but he kept up on politics both
historical and current and could argue over coffee with the best of them.
People calling his house might well hear him answer the phone with a
hearty "Senator Wicks."

If he wasn't there to answer the phone, the caller might hear a voice mail
message that started with his energetic singing of "Oh what a beautiful
morning..."

Gordon was a jokester and always had a story to tell. He said his day was
a success if he could make at least one person laugh.

He and Betty were charter members of Atonement Lutheran Church, a
congregation that became a second family. He loved his family, friends
and little children with his whole heart. His laugh was contagious, his
humor uplifting, his love, hugs and kisses genuine. He will be forever
missed by all who knew and loved him.

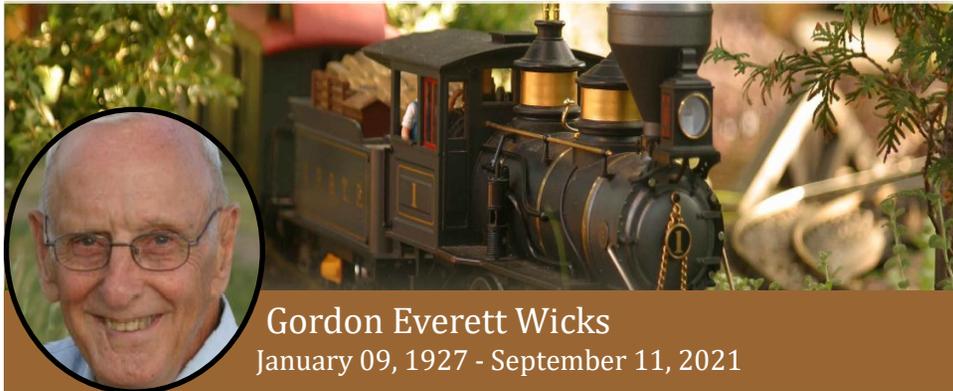
Betty survives her husband, as do their children: Renee (Dave) Parker;
Todd (Cindy) Wicks, Rapid City; Tonya (Rich) Tuley of Parker,
Colo.; son-in-law Tony Lammers, Rapid City; sister Ione Gamber,
Dallas; and brothers Larry Wicks, Carpenter, S.D., and Milo (Lois)
Wicks, Portland, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and
numerous nieces and nephews.

Gordon's heart broke when he and Betty lost their daughter Denise
Lammers in 2015. Other losses include his parents, Harvey and Goldie
Wicks; brothers Kenneth (Nonie) Wicks and Roland Wicks;
sister Phyllis Lathrop; and great-grandson Coen Kenner.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, at Atonement
Lutheran Church. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday,
Oct. 15, at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Atonement
Lutheran Church.

Arrangements with Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home.



Gordon Everett Wicks
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Rapid City - Gordon Wicks, 94, Rapid City, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Fountain Springs Health Care on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. He was born at home on Jan. 9, 1927, to Harvey and Goldie Wicks on a farm northeast of Carpenter, S.D. He was the fourth of seven children.

In 1945, at the age of 18, Gordon joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in the Aleutian Islands. After two years he returned to the farm. In 2010, he went on the Honor Flight with other WWII veterans, which was a highlight in his life.

Gordon met the love of his life, Betty Jane Neu, in 1951 at a dance in Carpenter. The two courted primarily through letter-writing while Betty was a nursing student at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls and Gordon was working on farms around Carpenter. They were married at West Bethany Church in Erwin, S.D., on June 1, 1952. Gordon never stopped declaring himself to be the luckiest man in the world for having found her. They had four children, all raised in Rapid City.

For 17 years Gordon worked for Chicago Northwestern Railroad. He spent the next 21 years working for Black Hills Packing Company. Gordon Wicks was a dreamer who refused to live an ordinary life. He had dreams of being a baseball player, a boxer, a musician, a writer, a poet, a politician, and an oil and water douser, and he realized those dreams in small ways throughout his life.

Gordon followed his passion, dousing for water and oil. Learning of his success, people would often call him to find water on their land.

Gordon became an avid runner and walker, even setting speed walking records for Senior Olympics. He coached Little League baseball, taught neighborhood kids how to box to protect themselves from bullies, and worked with kids and grandkids to help them become better athletes.

Golfing was one of Gordon's passions, and his golfing buddies will attest that even after the age of 90, Gordon was an admirable competitor. The term "Wicksing it" was coined when he would putt rather than chip from

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also, with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 281)

Let us pray. *A brief silence.*

O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brother Gordon Wick,
We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

You may be seated.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

1 John 4:7-13

⁷ Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better. ⁸ But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God—for God is love.

⁹ God showed how much he loved us by sending his only Son into this wicked world to bring to us eternal life through his death. ¹⁰ In this act we see what real love is: it is not our love for God, but his love for us when he sent his Son to satisfy God's anger against our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God loved us as much as that, we surely ought to love each other too. ¹² For though we have never yet seen God, when we love each other, God lives in us and his love within us grows ever stronger. ¹³ And he has put his own Holy Spirit into our hearts as a proof to us that we are living with him and he with us.

PSALM:23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

² he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

2 Timothy 4:5-8

⁵ Stand steady, and don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Bring others to Christ. Leave nothing undone that you ought to do.

⁶ I say this because I won't be around to help you very much longer. My time has almost run out. Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven. ⁷ I have fought long and hard for my Lord, and through it all I have kept true to him. And now the time has come for me to stop fighting and rest. ⁸ In heaven a crown is waiting for me which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And not just to me, but to all those whose lives show that they are eagerly looking forward to his coming back again.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:36-40

One of them, a lawyer, spoke up: ³⁶ "Sir, which is the most important command in the laws of Moses?"

³⁷ Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind." ^{38,39} This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: 'Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.'

⁴⁰ All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets stem from these two laws and are fulfilled if you obey them. Keep only these and you will find that you are obeying all the others."

You may be seated.

SERMON PASTOR SONJA PILMAN

MEMORIES OF GORDON WICKS LIFE

Read Obit and sharing from Renee

Sister speaks and then will intro: Go to Sleep My Baby, will play.

Please stand as you are able.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Gordon. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive Gordon into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

God be with you,
until we meet again.

SENDING MUSIC

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Sung by All (ELW 536)

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PRAISE BAND

I'll Fly Away