

Garrett William Yonker, Jr., 80, of Stanley went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 12, 2019, at Mountrail County Medical Center in Stanley.

Garry was born on July 22, 1938, in Chicago, IL to Garrett W. and Mary (Reed) Yonker, Sr. He was raised in Chicago, graduating from CVS High School. He attended University of Illinois Navy Pier and then Moody Bible Institute. He also attended Judson College as he continued his ministerial education. Later in life he earned his Masters Degree in Theology from Northwest Nazarene College in Boise, ID, while he was pastoring in Weiser, ID.

He met the love of his life, Mary Ellen Spencer, while attending Moody Bible College. They were married on July 2, 1960, in Columbus, OH. Their daughter, Mary, was born on September 29, 1964 in Chicago, IL.

Over the course of his career he was a pastor in Chicago, IL; Rapid City, SD; Stanley, ND; Kenmare, ND; Weiser, ID; the parish of Lisbon, Rutland and Forman, ND before retiring. After retiring they moved back to Stanley to be with their family. He continued to serve as an interim when needed at First Baptist Church in Stanley.

He was also a machinist by trade and had worked in several places including Tioga Machine Shop during their first pastorage in Stanley.

Garry was a gifted musician and enjoyed playing the piano, organ and accordion. He enjoyed a rousing game of pinochle with family. He had an infectious sense of humor, even if you didn't always get the joke. Growing up in Chicago, he was an avid Bears and Cubs fan. He waited his whole life for the Cubs to finally win the World Series and could be seen proudly sporting their colors.

He and his wife Mary were proud Blue Jay fans and until the past few years, could be found at nearly every home sporting event.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Stanley and a past member of Stanley Lions Club. He was also a past volunteer for the Stanley Volunteer Ambulance Service.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary of Stanley; daughter, Mary (Dale) Kilen of Stanley; granddaughter, Amanda (Zach) Peterson of Bismarck; great-grandchildren, Carter, Jozelyn and Abel Peterson; brother-in-law, Bill (Linda) Miller of Columbus, OH; nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his mother and father-in-law Mary and Clayton Miller; brother-in-law, Harold Miller and brother, Art Yonker.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. God bless his memory.

In Loving Memory Of

Garrett W. Yonker, Jr.

July 22, 1938 - July 12, 2019

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,"



The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you."

Hebrews 11:1-2

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.*

This is what the ancients were commended for.



The Lord's Prayer

*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.
Amen*

In Loving Memory Garrett William Yonker, Jr.



Born to Garrett Sr. & Mary Yonker

July 22, 1938 ~ Chicago, Illinois

Returned to His Heavenly Father

July 12, 2019 ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Funeral Service

11:00 AM ~ Friday, July 19, 2019

First Baptist Church ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Officiating

Pastor Stan Stephan

Music

Stan and Donna Stephan

Kayla Lapica

Donna Stephan, Pianist

Pallbearers

<i>Donald Longmuir</i>	<i>John Enander</i>
<i>Burnell Nelson</i>	<i>Wade Enget</i>
<i>Todd Heidbreder</i>	<i>Kris Halvorson</i>
<i>Gary Satterthwaite</i>	

Honorary Pallbearers

<i>Dale Kilen</i>	<i>Zach Peterson</i>
<i>Carter Peterson</i>	<i>Jozelyn Peterson</i>
<i>Abel Peterson</i>	

Final Resting Place at a Later Date

Fairview Cemetery ~ Stanley, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home Stanley, North Dakota