

## Gerald Peck, 87 ✓

May 17, 1929 - May 23, 2016

**AVOCA** — Gerald Aldrich Peck, son of Frank James Peck and Edna Aldrich Peck, was born on May 17, 1929, in Valley Township and baptized in the Christian Church of Oakland. He was the eldest of four children. Throughout his childhood, he lived on numerous farms in the area. He graduated from Avoca High School in 1947. Gerald spent the next four years working for Jim Leslie in machinery and driving school bus.

August 20, 1950, Gerald wed Nadine Kohlscheen in the Congregational Church of Avoca. In April 1951, Gerald joined the Army. During his two years of service, he was stationed in Texas, Kentucky, and Japan. In 1953, He and Nadine purchased the Avoca Dairy and spent the next 18 years serving the area. Gerald and Nadine had two daughters, Connie in 1955 and Janet in 1960. Later in his life, he worked for Agriland FS and Five Star Tools.

Gerald served the Avoca community in many capacities through the years, including being elected Mayor, serving on the City Council, Zoning Planning Committee, Water, Park, and Fair Boards. Gerald was a member of the American Legion for over 50 years. He was an active member of the United Church of Avoca, where he served on the session. Gerald loved music and sang for many weddings and funerals. Gerald enjoyed dancing with his sweetheart and camping and fishing with friends and family. Gerald's greatest sources of pride were his grandchildren. He and Nadine were the grandchildren's most ardent supporters. Gerald died on Monday May 23, 2016 at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald. He is survived by his wife, Nadine; daughters Connie (Greg) Feekes; Janet (Gary) Pattee; and grandchildren, Abi (Nick) Case, John Feekes and significant other Anne McCarthy, Ross Jennings Aldrich Pattee, and Reed (Becky) Pattee; sister, Joan (Don) Knott, and brother, Darrell Peck.

Gerald's family greeted friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Pastor Joel Jackle-Hugh led a funeral service on Friday, May 27, 2016 at The United Church of Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Gerald's grandchildren - Abi (Feekes) Case, John Feekes, Ross Jennings Aldrich Pattee and Reed Pattee. The Avoca American Legion - Post 227 were Pallbearers. Gerald was laid to rest with full military honors at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.



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