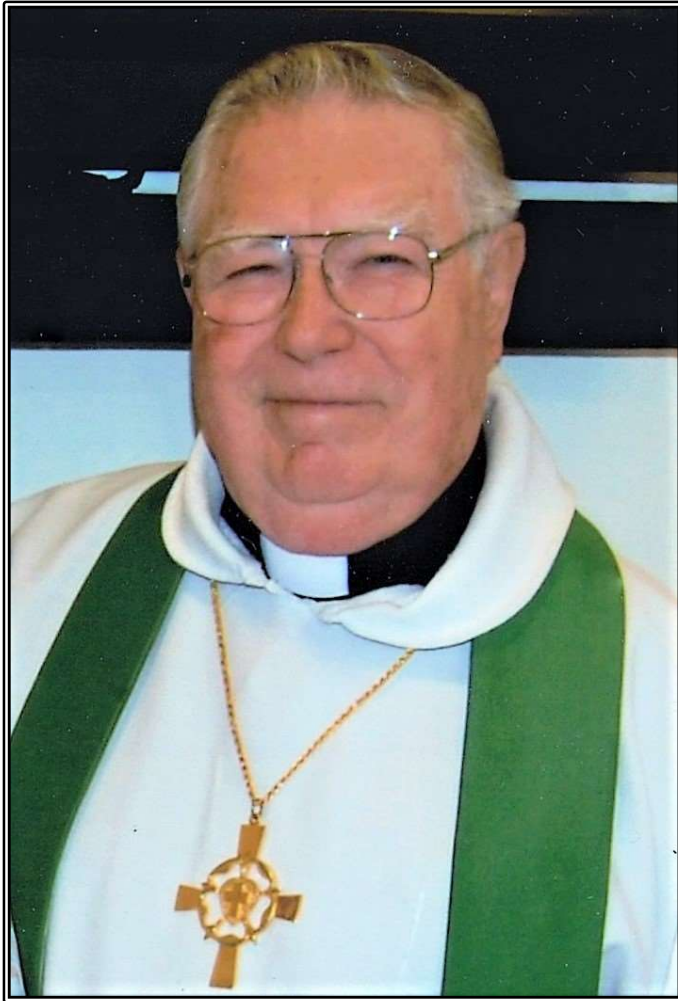


APPRECIATION

Jerry's family would like to extend a special thank you to each of you for your thoughts and prayers throughout this difficult time. Your kindness will always be cherished. Thank you for sharing in the service today and please continue to remember our family in your prayers.



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The Best

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So He put His arms around you
And whispered "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
As you slowly slipped away
And though we loved you dearly
We couldn't make you stay.*

*Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Rev. Gerald "Jerry" Reiter, Emeritus, 89, of Marquette MI and Beaufort NC passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Carteret Health Care in Morehead City NC.

Jerry was born in Chicago IL and grew up in Marquette MI. Growing up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Jerry spent his free time hunting, fishing, and hiking in the woods and enjoying the beauty that surrounded him. This led to a natural draw to Wildlife Management, in which he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University.

He married Carol Beth Boyd in October 1954 with whom he recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Jerry joined the US Army during the Korean War where he served as an MP. After his Army service, Jerry returned to Michigan State where he earned his MBA. For the next 5 years he worked for Standard Oil Company during which time he and Carol met many lifelong friends.

In 1961, Jerry moved his family to Arlington VA to launch a new business with Carol's father and brothers. Jerry built and served as President of Combustion Products Distributors Corporation for 20 years. Jerry and Carol raised their three children in Arlington and Fairfax VA and were active members of Our Savior Lutheran church in Arlington and Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Springfield VA.

In 1981 Jerry sold their home and business, and he and Carol left for Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne IN. He earned his Master's in Divinity and was ordained in 1984. He served as Associate Pastor at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in Arbutus MD just outside Baltimore, as Senior Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Troy NH and Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Keene NH, and finally as Senior Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aiken SC. He loved the Lord and his ministry – sharing duties with Carol all along the way. He served as a Lutheran minister for 30 years before retiring in 2015 to Beaufort NC for the winters and Marquette MI for the summers.

No matter where life led him, Marquette MI always called him home. His love of the "Arbutus" AKA "Camp" was his happy place. Jerry loved to tell stories to anyone who came to visit, laughing and joking about his childhood days, playing cribbage, watching the wildlife in the woods, and enjoying a beautiful sunset over Lake Superior. He could also be found cheering on the Michigan State Spartans Basketball and Football teams.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carol Boyd Reiter; children, Kurt Reiter and his wife Jean of Charleston SC, Kim Taylor Ragland and her husband Greg of Berryville VA, Valerie Peterson Magnotto and her husband Mike of Beaufort NC; grandchildren, Jason Peterson and his wife Alex, Nicole Reiter Atkinson and her husband Andrew, Kyle Peterson, Ashley Reiter, Brittany Peterson, Jessica Taylor, Kendall Reiter Flaherty and her husband Jacob, Christian Reiter, Jeremy Peterson and his wife Leanna; step-grandchildren, Skip Frazzano and his wife Cece, Lisa Taylor, Rachel DeLuca, Michael DeLuca; great-grandchildren, Olivia Peterson, Sondra Peterson, Lilliana Taylor, Atlas Atkinson; brother, Richard Reiter and his wife Carol; sisters-in-law, Lydia Boyd, Betty Boyd, Laura Boyd; and a host of nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Prudence (nee Arndt) Reiter. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Lutherans for Life, a ministry that held a special place in Jerry's heart and which he actively supported for many years: <https://lutheransforlife.org/donate>

In Loving Memory
Rev. Gerald “Jerry” Reiter

January 29, 1931 ~ November 11, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 24, 2020
Noe-Brooks Funeral Home ~ Morehead City, NC

OFFICIANT

Pastor Jim Daub

ORDER OF SERVICE

Entrance Psalm – Psalm 23

Opening Song – My God & I

Invocation

Remembrance of Baptism

Collect of the Day

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40:1-11, 31 and Romans 6:1-11

Hymn of Response – “It Is Well With My Soul”

Scripture Reading – 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and John 17:17-26

Sermon Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Nunc Dimittis

Commendation of the Body

Concluding Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn – “Lift High the Cross”