

Eldon Thurow, age 85, died unexpectedly on Feb. 28th at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD. He was born in Ramona, SD on Dec 23rd, 1936. He graduated from Augustana College in 1966 and went on to Luther Seminary to graduate with a degree in Divinity. He married Lillian Hansen in 1956. Lillian passed away in 2004. Eldon married Donna Hamer in 2005.

Eldon was a called servant of God, proclaiming God's Grace in the world. He shared his skilled hands, strength, and heart with anyone in need. He loved people -- Especially his family and members of the rural congregations he served in SD, MN, and WI over 50 years of ordained ministry. He enjoyed spending time with family, watching sports (especially Augustana University), and his beloved dog, Stetson.

Pastor Eldon was given a special gift from God, He was called to many congregations who were experiencing problems. When he left they were united and ready to heal. He was dearly loved wherever he served.

Let all who encountered Eldon celebrate the impact of his life this day!

Family celebrating his life include: wife Donna Thurow (Hamer) of Brandon; four sons, Randy (Miriam) Thurow, Rodney (Brigid) Thurow, Herbert (Kathy) Hamer and Jeffrey (Darla) Hamer; nine grandchildren, Kai (Lauren) Thurow, Kyra (Alan) Thurow Bartow, Zeffen Thurow, Zetta Thurow, Elizabeth (Jake) Sheffield, Bradley (Stephanie) Hamer, Hope (Dusty) Stultz, Ashley Hamer (Lance Richter) and Alexander Hamer (Taylor Freeman); and nine great-grandchildren, Kaden Thurow, Cameron Thurow, Carson Sheffield, Morgan Sheffield, Rayleigh Stultz, Emma Stultz, Bristol Stultz, Talya Stultz and Ryder Richter.

He's preceded in death by his first wife Lillian Thurow, brother Dennis Thurow, sons Timothy Hamer and Joel Hamer.

Memorials may be directed to: Agape' + Kure Beach Ministries, 1369 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526; or the ELCA World Hunger %Eldon Thurow Memorial Fund; or the memorial of your choice.

*In Memory of*

## **Pastor Eldon Thurow**

Born - December 23, 1936 ~ Died - February 28, 2022

### ***Funeral Service***

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota  
Thursday, March 3, 2022 ~ 11:00 a.m.

### ***Clergy***

Rev. Dr. Jeff Sorenson  
Rev. Elizabeth Pagnotta

### ***Music***

Organist: Rachel Pierson  
Soloists: John Pollman and Pastor Aimee Pagan

### ***Casketbearers***

Kai Thurow	Kyra Thurow Bartow
Zeffen Thurow	Zetta Thurow
Alexander Hamer	Bradley Hamer
Dusty Stultz	Lance Richter
Jake Sheffield	

### ***Honorary Casketbearers***

Rayleigh Stultz	Emma Stultz
Bristol Stultz	Talya Stultz
Ryder Richter	Carson Sheffield
Morgan Sheffield	Kaden Thurow
Cameron Thurow	

### ***Interment***

Zur Ruhe Cemetery, Cedarburg, Wisconsin  
Saturday, March 5, 2022 ~ 9:30 a.m.

“In life, we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. In our hearts you hold a place, no one else will ever fill.”



*In Loving Memory of*  
*Pastor Eldon Thurow*

*Funeral Arrangements by Kahler-Brende Funeral Home  
Dell Rapids, South Dakota*