



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



## Footprints

*One night a man had a dream...  
He was walking along the beach with the Lord, and  
across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
In each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;  
one made by him, and the other by the Lord.*

*When the last scene of his life flashed before him,  
he looked at the footprints in the sand,  
and 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 worst times of his life.*

*This bothered him, so he asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But, I've noticed that during times of trouble  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why You left me when I needed You most."*

*The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you  
and would never leave you... During your times of trouble  
where you see only one set of footprints,  
I was carrying you."*

*Author Unknown*

# EUGENE GUST CHRISTL

## IN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Faith + Journey Lutheran Church

West Fargo, North Dakota

Thursday, October 10, 2019 ~ 11:00 a.m.

## OFFICIANTS

Pastor Michael O'Berg

Pastor Tawanda Murinda

## INTERMENT

St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery      Casselton, ND

## MILITARY RITES

Arthur W. Jones VFW Post No. 7564

ND Military Funeral Honors Team

## MUSIC

"Steadfast Love"

Mike Christl, *Harmonica*

Sally Simonson, *Piano and Vocal*

"Amazing Grace"

Mike Christl, *Harmonica, Vocal and Taps*

Sally Simonson, *Piano and Vocal*

"The Lord's Prayer"

Amy Christl-Johnson, *Vocal*

Eldon Johnson, *Vocal and Guitar*

"Unclouded Day"

Mike Christl, *Harmonica*

Sally Simonson, *Piano*

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Eugene's Children and Grandchildren

*The family wishes to express their appreciation for your kindness and support during this difficult time.  
Please join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.*

# EUGENE GUST CHRISTL

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Eugene Gust "Pooch" Christl was born on August 27, 1933 in Valley City ND to Emil and Hermine (Hanusch) Christl. They first lived on a farm near Lucca ND, then moved to Casselton and later to West Fargo, ND.

In 1953-54 he was in the US Army as a Corporal in communications stationed in Germany. After his discharge in 1955, he went to work for the Union Stockyards in West Fargo, spending a 44-year career as a livestock buyer, capped by opening his own hog buying business.

In 1957 he married Bonnie Highness in Aberdeen SD. They lived in West Fargo their entire married life (62 years). Of this union three children were born, Michael (Sherry) Christl, Brian (Donna) Christl, and Cheryl (Trent) Crowe all of West Fargo. Five grandchildren: Amy (Eldon) Johnson, Stacey (Corey) Herlickson, Cydney (Nick) Barth, Curtis (Lauren) Crowe and Emma Christl. And eight great grandchildren: Jacob Christl, Isaac K. and Clara Johnson, Isaac M. and Abigail Herlickson, Everett and Maisey Barth, and Axel Crowe.

Eugene passed away peacefully October 6th, with family present, after a short hospitalization, from a fast-moving illness.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie, sisters-in-law, Helen Christl, Mary Lou Christl, and Beth (Jack) Achter. Pooch was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and stepfather, Archie Wahowske; brothers, Clarence and Ernest Christl, and sister, Irene (Jay) Groce and brother-in-law Earl Highness.

Always busy, Eugene volunteered at Bonanzaville for 20 years, taking care of the antique automobile museum as well as other jobs. He helped friends maintain their Ford Model A's, owned a black coupe himself, and was a member of a Model A Club. Afternoons, you could often find him at Sunmart having a cup of coffee with his friends, the Model A parked out front.

His passion was machines and engines and he could diagnose most engine issues by listening with a cocked ear along with woodworking and making gifts for his grandchildren.

