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### *Vernon Nielsen*

Vernon Harold Nielsen, 73, of Sioux Falls, died Friday, November 28, 2008 at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, Viborg, SD. Services were held December 1st at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, with burial at Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery, rural Viborg.

Vernon Harold Nielsen, son of Harold A. and Ruby C. Nielsen, was born May 22, 1935 on a farm in Turner County near Viborg, SD. He graduated from Viborg High School in 1953. Vernon proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956 while stationed in Germany.

Vernon was united in marriage with Carol Strunk on June 25, 1959 in Irene, SD. Their

marriage was a blessing in his life for 49 years.

Vernon was a Lutheran Brotherhood District Representative for most of his career. He retired in 1998 after 25 years of professional commitment to his clients. Vernon was a member of Rotary International and served as District Governor during 1991 and 1992. Through Rotary, he made enduring friendships with people from many countries.

Vernon's faith was an integral part of his life. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher and church council member. He also served on the church's Board of Trustees for nine years. Since 1961, Vernon and Carol have treasured the friendship shared with members of the Our Savior's Couples Club. His compassion and sense of humor drew others to him.

In recent years, Vernon's greatest love was spending quality time with his children and grandchildren and their families. He was a dedicated and caring husband, father, grandfather, friend and advisor to many people during his years here on earth.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife, Carol; two daughters, Laurie Neumayer and her husband, Bob and Mary McMartin and her husband, Todd, all

of Omaha, NE; four grandsons, Connor and Taylor McMartin and Hunter and Bryce Neumayer; a sister, Frances Aman and her husband, Fred, Blair, NE; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Vernon was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Eldon.

May God bless Vernon's memory as he moves on to the kingdom of saints and believers to help care for God's eternal garden.

Vernon's family requests that memorials be directed to the Our Savior's Lutheran Church Foundation, the Pioneer Memorial Activity Department, Spring Valley Lutheran Cemetery or the Parkinson's Association of South Dakota.