



Byron Richard Geissler

May 26, 1942 - March 4, 2021

Byron Richard Geissler, 78, died March 4, 2021 at his home in Torrington, WY. Cremation has occurred and funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on April 16, 2021 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Byron was born in Keokuk, IA on May 26, 1942 to Arnold and Agnes (Goldenstein) Geissler. He grew up on the family farm near Carthage, IL along with his sister, Sara. He attended the same one room country grade school that his grandfather, Ehme Golden, attended as a child. He graduated from Carthage High School in 1960; received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois in 1964, and a Masters of Science in Animal Nutrition from Montana State University in 1966.

While at the University of Illinois he met Carol Fahnstrom of Victoria, IL and they were married June 27, 1964. To this union were born a daughter, Gail, and a son, Kevin.

Byron and Carol farmed in Illinois with Byron's parents for thirty years. In 1998 they sold part of the Illinois farm and moved to Huntley, WY where they continued with a cow herd, cattle feedlot and hay production. Due to ill health, Byron officially retired in 2016 when the couple moved to Torrington.

Byron is a member of our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington, where he currently was serving on the Board of Elders. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church or Regional West Hospice.

Byron is survived by his wife, Carol; daughter, Gail (Jim) Lee of Encampment, WY; son, Kevin (Lisa) Geissler of Carbondale, Illinois; three grandchildren, Morgan Geissler of St. Louis, Missouri, Caleb and Hannah Lee of Encampment, Wyoming; his sister, Sara (Carl) Austin of Pueblo West, Colorado; sisters-in-law, Sue (Bob) Eagle of Oregon, Wisconsin and Peg (Mike) Hagerty of Bonita Springs, Florida; as well as several nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and an infant grandson, Walter Lee.

Previous Events

Memorial services

APR **16**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
2973 East B
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-5801

Tribute Wall

GW

“ Carol, we were so sad to hear about the passing of Byron. He is now with the Lord as I know he and your entire family were strong believers. Byron was always happy to have a pleasant conversation about farming and the activities of Kevin or Gail. I know we sure missed your family when you moved out west. It was a very nice occasion when we ran into you and Byron out in Cody years ago while we were on vacation.
Our deepest sympathy for you and your family.
Greg and Janis Wetterich

Greg Wetterich - April 21, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Byron Richard Geissler.



April 15, 2021 at 04:11 PM

“ Carol, I feel for you loss but am glad that Byron is out of the physical body and comforted in God's hands! I always loved chatting with Byron and our family thoroughly enjoyed being with Byron & Carol anytime possible. Byron and I had many wonderful discussions about topics all over the board, from spiritual and doctrinal Biblical topics to farming and ranching to the history of the Western U.S. as he lived along the Oregon Trail to hunting to Geissler family genealogy to American politics. The fact that we could discuss so many somewhat "controversial" topics without causing friction in our relationship is a tremendous testimony to Byron's wonderful, fun-loving demeanor. Byron and Carol are the only "Geissler's" that my children have ever consistently known so they have always been even more special in their minds! Our children knew Byron as "Uncle Fireman" when they were little and "Uncle Byron" as they grew older. We had so many fabulous and memorable times with Byron & Carol at their Goosewing Ranch outside Torrington including rattlesnakes, shooting prairie dogs, bottle-feeding calves by hand, hiking and playing around the creek area and old constructions, bailing hay, changing irrigation channel flow patterns, constantly riding 4-wheelers (and occasionally turning them over, yikes!) as documented in my many photos, and our unbelievable meals made by Carol with lots of laughs all around. We loved watching the solar eclipse with Byron's sister Sara & Carl Austin at Byron & Carol's home in Torrington and were honored with their presence at our oldest son Chase & Raquel's wedding in Estes Park. My sister, Doreen, and I will never forget the fun with Byron & Carol's children, Gail and Kevin, at their West Point, Illinois home. And we had unforgettable times with Byron's father and mother, Arnold & Agnes Geissler, on their farm and ponds with tons of fishing and bluebell flower searches in the woods outside West Point growing up! I know we will always honor and revere our incredible times with Byron & Carol! All our love and prayers to Carol and Gail and Kevin's families!

Love, Rex & Michele Geissler, Chase, Parker, Jonah, Grant, and Brielle

Rex Geissler - April 13, 2021 at 07:27 AM

KA

“ *Carol, we are so sorry to hear of Byron’s passing. Please accept our condolences, and know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Kathy and Jim McKinna
Morrison, Colorado*

KATHY - April 13, 2021 at 12:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Byron Richard Geissler.*



March 26, 2021 at 12:54 PM

PS

“ *My cousin Byron, great husband, father, and gpa , a hard working farmer / rancher with a masters degree, was the nicest, most unassuming guy you could ever meet, with an easy grin for everybody and unable to stop himself from shedding a tear at an old hymn or family event. God bless and keep into eternal life.*

paul / sue sanders - March 15, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BP

“ *Carol, so sorry for your loss of Byron. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!*

Barbara Peterson - March 15, 2021 at 11:04 AM

TW

“ Carol, my sincere sympathy to you and your family. I was so sorry to hear about Byron. Even though I didn't get to know Byron as well as I knew Carol, she talked a lot about him when I taught with her at The Southeastern Jr. High in Bowen. Such a good family. I know he will be missed.

Toni Barr Wojcik - March 14, 2021 at 11:58 PM

DB

“ Byron was a wonderful Christian man who helped me learn how to fish. He and Carol were always so kind to me and very caring. He was so excited to follow his heart and live out west! I'm so glad he was able to live that dream!!

Doreen Books - March 13, 2021 at 08:56 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Byron Richard Geissler.



March 13, 2021 at 08:51 PM

LK

“ Byron and Carol are landowners under GID, so glad we got to know these wonderful people. Thoughts and prayers to Carol and her family 🌸🙏.

Linda Keeran - March 12, 2021 at 05:04 PM

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Linda Keeran - March 12, 2021 at 04:59 PM

KW

“ *It has been a pleasure to know and appreciate Byron. He was a class act in every sense of the word. Interesting that we were distant cousins. We extend our sympathies to Carol and her family.* ”

Keith Whitney - March 11, 2021 at 12:47 PM