



## David Alan Aaker

June 3, 1946 - October 12, 2021

Rev. David Aaker

David Alan Aaker died Oct. 12, 2021 surrounded by family and loved ones. David was born June 3, 1946 in Watertown S.D. to Arthur and Hermoine Aaker. Rev. Aaker was called to ministry, graduating from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. and ordained at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Redfield S.D. in 1973.

Rev. Aaker's first call was at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cass Lake, Minn. He then served at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston, Minn., followed by Grace Lutheran in Ada, Minn., and Elim Lutheran Church in Fargo, N.D. He retired after 44 years, with his final congregation in St. Paul Lutheran Church in Le Center, Minn. in 2015.

During his ministry he served as a Coordinator for Bereavement and Spiritual Care for Hospice of the Red River Valley, including co-authoring the book "The Bereavement Ministry Program".

He also served for five years as an interim minister where he viewed his role as a "bridge", noting that "my job is to help people and congregations from the transition from pastor to pastor. It's completed when the call is completed". As he left a calling, someone wrote we all have been "students at his knee" and

"that the work we do with our hands" was important; this led David and his congregation to remodel homes for those in need throughout the Fargo area.

David once said, "Part of ministry is helping people through the losses of life. You have to lose Sunday to gain Monday."

"If you are in trouble, I will spend time with you" was a mantra that David took to heart. One member of his congregation in Le Center said Rev. Aaker "walks the streets and you don't have to be a Lutheran to get help from him." Rev. Aaker was a chaplain for the Le Sueur County Sheriff's Office, sometimes leaping out of bed before dawn to minister to those affected by an accident and the first responders who were impacted.

Besides a nice glass of wine, David enjoyed creating stained glass pieces for his parishes. "Everyone has broken pieces and putting them together is what God and Jesus do us, similar to piecing together glass to put them back together into something beautiful".

David is survived by his wife Faye, his two sons John and Joshua, his three stepdaughters Sarah, Ingrid and Rebecca, and seven grandchildren (Grant, Ellia, Lillian, Ingrid, Saffron, Ana, Esther Joy), his brother Lynn, his sisters Barb and Corinne (Jim), and his adopted family from Haiti. Pastor Dave leaves us with these words - "remember that you are remembered". The family asks in lieu of memorials, please send donations to <http://www.TeachHaiti.org/>.

Services will be at 1pm Oct. 19th at Mt. Olivet Church, Victoria, Minn. with a viewing at noon. Masks are required. Arrangements by Washburn-McReavy.com, 612-377-2203.

Please click this link to view David's service: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/632281286?h=f5d260d4e2>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Victoria)  
7150 Rolling Acres Road  
P.O. Box 153  
Victoria, MN 55386

## Church Service

OCT **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Jean and I were Redfield SD high school classmates with David. I roomed with him for 4 years while attending the University of SD. I treasure his friendship and will always recall our times together as cherished memories. God bless his wonderful family! Don and Jean (Mathiason) Hirtzel. Puyallup WA

Don and Jean (Mathiason) Hirtzel - October 22, 2021 at 01:32 AM

JJ

“ My sympathy to Pastor Aaker's family. He was a kind, caring and compassionate man and it was an privilege to have worked with him. May God bless his memory and give you, Faye and family, comfort and peace.

Jean Josephson - October 21, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DG

“ So very sorry to read of David's death. I remember David when he worked with Hospice in Fargo. He was very kind and easy to talk with, both when he visited my Grandma's house as she was receiving Hospice care and later when I worked as a volunteer in the Hospice office. I have since married and moved to the other side of the world on Stewart Island, New Zealand but I have never forgotten the kindness and sympathetic ear that David always offered; even now after over 30 years ago. David will be greatly missed but never forgotten.  
Donna Goomes (David would have known me as Donna Beall)

Donna Goomes - October 19, 2021 at 11:12 PM

RW

“ We reach out to you in the love of the Lord. The memories we have are special to us, our friendship, and the work of the Lord has been a strong bond through the years. May the Divine Comforter touch each one of the family, especially Faye. Peace”  
Linda and Lloyd Wallace

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**Rev. Lloyd Wallace** - October 18, 2021 at 02:33 PM

LP

“ So very sorry to read of David’s death. He was so special to us when he served at Grace in Ada. Our sincere sympathy to Faye and the children/grandchildren. We have prayed for him in church for quite awhile so have had him in our thoughts and memories. Blessings to you all! Luverne and Carol Petry  
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**Luverne and Carol Petry.** - October 16, 2021 at 03:49 PM

JD

*I was a Hospice nurse and worked with David for a few years in Fargo. I knew him professionally and personally as he was so kind to my father in bereavement after my mother’s death. When he would visit a patient with me, he always took his shoes off as he said, “this is holy ground.” I will never forget him. Heaven is a little better with David there. Sending prayers and comfort to his family. Judy Drew*

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**Judy Drew** - October 16, 2021 at 09:43 PM

KK

“ I was blest to call him pastor in 1988 at Golden Ridge Lutheran in Fargo, and enjoyed seeing him at synod events following that. God gave him many beautiful gifts. His sermons were heartwarming. He was an attentive listener and so compassionate. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. ❤️

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**Karen Kooren** - October 16, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Alan Aaker.*



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October 16, 2021 at 11:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Alan Aaker.*



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October 15, 2021 at 04:41 PM