



Gerald Lee Peickert

December 15, 1946 - June 9, 2026

Gerald Lee Peickert, age 79, passed away peacefully on June 9, 2026, at Mercy Hospital Unity Campus in Fridley, Minnesota.

Born on December 15, 1946, in Wheaton, Minnesota, Gerald was the son of the late Earnest and Ruth Dorothy (Church) Peickert. He grew up in Dumont, graduating from Wheaton High School with the Class of 1964. Following his schooling, Gerald answered the call to serve his country, entering the United States Navy on February 20, 1968. He served honorably as a Seaman until November 4, 1969.

Gerald later built a long and dedicated career at the University of Minnesota, working as a Senior Parking Attendant. He retired in 2009 after 28 years of faithful service to the university community.

As a football fan, he spent decades cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. He also loved spending time with family which included many nieces and nephews, and regularly gave back to his community by volunteering with Faith Lutheran Church at the Anoka County Fair.

Above all, Gerald was defined by his immense love for horses. He helped to start Happy Horsemen Saddle Club and also belonged to Northwest Metro Saddle Club, Boot Jack Saddle Club and Indian Head Appaloosa Club. As a

dedicated member, he found great joy in day and overnight trail rides, parades, fundraising, and connecting with fellow equine enthusiasts. He was a competitor in barrel racing, key race, pole weaving, and 1-barrel pennant racing proudly winning multiple ribbons over the years. His passion kept him a fixture at the rodeo, often seen watching events at the Coliseum on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. In 1985, he purchased a hobby farm in Anoka with room for his horses to roam. Though he owned multiple horses throughout his lifetime, none held a larger piece of his heart than Cimmaron, his very first and most beloved horse for 28 years.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Jeanette (John) Husmann; and his brothers, LaVerne (Donna) Peickert, LeRoy Peickert, and Lowell Peickert, as well as Lowell's first wife, Jacqueline Peickert.

He is survived by his brother, Willard Peickert, and sister-in-law, Carol Peickert, along with many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Service Details:

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at 11:00 AM at the Washburn-McRreavy Seman Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Visitation will take place at the chapel one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10:00 AM.

Following the service, all guests are invited to gather for a luncheon to celebrate Gerald's life at the Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625, 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
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Memorial Service

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