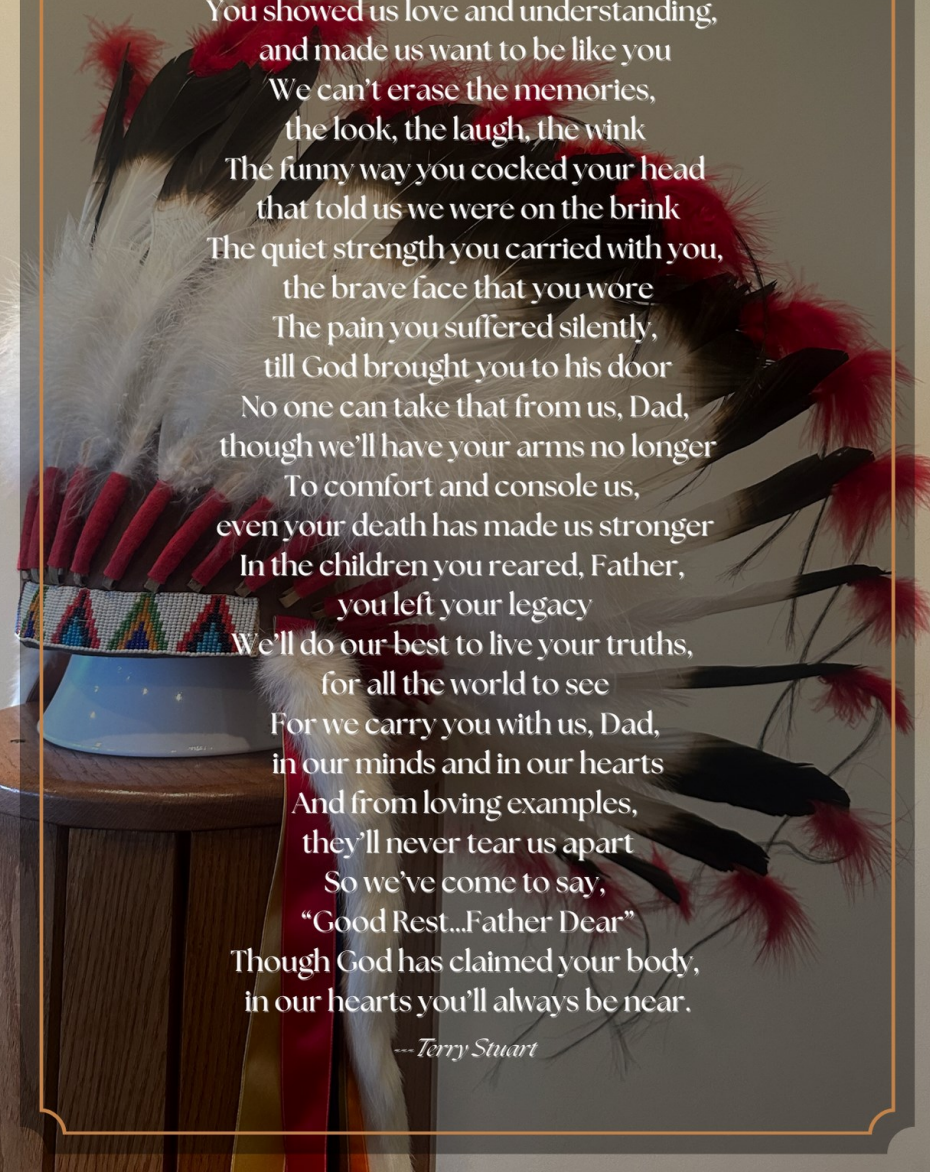


GOOD REST DAD



We've come to say Good Rest Dad,
we'll never say goodbye
For you'll always be with us,
and you know the reason why
You taught us to be honest,
straight forward and true
You showed us love and understanding,
and made us want to be like you
We can't erase the memories,
the look, the laugh, the wink
The funny way you cocked your head
that told us we were on the brink
The quiet strength you carried with you,
the brave face that you wore
The pain you suffered silently,
till God brought you to his door
No one can take that from us, Dad,
though we'll have your arms no longer
To comfort and console us,
even your death has made us stronger
In the children you reared, Father,
you left your legacy
We'll do our best to live your truths,
for all the world to see
For we carry you with us, Dad,
in our minds and in our hearts
And from loving examples,
they'll never tear us apart
So we've come to say,
"Good Rest...Father Dear"
Though God has claimed your body,
in our hearts you'll always be near.

---Terry Stuart



IN LOVING MEMORY
HENRY J. GAYTON JR.

NOVEMBER 26, 1930 ★ NOVEMBER 26, 2023

I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

In Loving Memory

Henry J. Gayton Jr.

November 26, 1930—November 26, 2023

MEMORIAL SERVICE
Bismarck Funeral Home
 Friday, December 1, 2023 ~ 11:00AM
 Pastor Martha HarriSon ~ Officiant

Welcome
 Thanksgiving for Baptism
 Song
 Prayer of the Day
 Family Sharing
 Scripture Readings

How Great Thou Art

Robert and David Gayton
 Psalm 23
 2 Timothy 4:6-7
 Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon
 Song
 Apostles' Creed

Old Rugged Cross

Pastor Martha HarriSon

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers
 Lord's Prayer
 Commendation
 Song

I'll Fly Away

Sung by Ashley Schwartz

INTERMENT
 Gayton Family Cemetery
 Fort Yates, North Dakota



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Henry was born on November 26, 1930, in Fort Yates, ND to Henry and Coral (Hogenson) Gayton. He was the oldest of three children raised with brother Ronnie and sister Karen. Growing up during the depression was a difficult time in America but it instilled in him a strong work ethic, setting life's goals and never veering from them. He was raised on the family ranch east of Selfridge and graduated from Fort Yates High School in 1948. He was a good athlete and he played football, basketball in high school and amateur baseball.

On July 14, 1956, he married Gene Luger and this summer they celebrated their 67th anniversary. From this union they had three children, Robert, Lori, and David.

Henry was a hard worker and in 1955 began a career in law enforcement that saw him move up in the ranks from a police officer to retire in 1980 as a criminal investigator. In addition, he also owned and operated his ranch raising Hereford cattle. So, from 1966 until his retirement from law enforcement he had two full-time jobs. He was unselfish and worked hard for his family, because he did everything in his power to ensure his family had a good life.

Henry had many titles in his life and wore many hats. He was a good son, brother, uncle, and husband but his favorite role and one in which he excelled was being a father and grandfather. As a dad, he was strict but now we realize it was to prepare us for life and help us to make the right decisions on life's journey. And today, we thank him. He loved spending time with his adult children but more importantly his grandchildren. Because when it came to Grandpas, he was the best. He attended high school graduations in Florida, Nevada, and Bismarck. As his kids, we saw a whole new side of him when it came to his grandchildren, whether it was getting on the floor with them, letting them chase him with the water hose, crawling into their forts he certainly was the best.

Henry will be deeply missed by his wife, Gene; sons, Robert (Roxie) and David (Karen) of Bismarck; daughter, Lori (Scott) of Elko, Nevada; sister, Karen Comeau of Rapid City, SD; grandchildren, Daniel (Tia), Rachel (Chris), Jared (Dusty), Christopher (Teryn), Kayla (Billy), Ashley (Isaac), Brooke and Syd; great grandchildren, Kira, Hudson, Emma, Henry, Sage, Bode and Quinn; as well as numerous cousins, too many to mention but know you are in our thoughts and hearts. Special friends, Jim Molash and Charlie Murphy.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Coral; brother, Ronnie; in-laws, Lawrence and Betty Luger; brothers-in-law, Buck and Mike Luger, Virgil Comeau; sisters-in-law, Elaine Kremers and Arlene Gayton; and niece, Annie Gayton.



*Dad never said goodbye,
 he always said, "See you".*

See you, dad. We love you!

