



Virgil L Halweg

August 20, 1938 - June 21, 2024

Virgil L. Halweg was born August 20, 1938, to Herman and Ida Halweg on the family farm in LeMars, Iowa. He was the second born after his sister, Elaine, and was the oldest son, followed by brothers Vernon and Roger. He grew up working on the family farm and going to school. He went to Westmar College for two years while working full-time for a construction company. Later, Virgil decided to go into cookware sales working for Regalware out of Sioux City, Iowa.

Cookware selling brought Virgil to Omaha, NE, and closer to the love of his life, Mara Matiss. Virgil and Mara met at a dance hall but counted going to church as their first official date. Virgil was an amazing dancer who made you feel like you were gliding on air. After a year of dating, Virgil and Mara were married at Augustana Lutheran Church on September 19, 1965.

Virgil and Mara made their home in Omaha, NE and were blessed with their first daughter, Suzanne, in 1967 and joined Lutheran Church of the Master after she was baptized there as a baby. When Suzanne was five, Virgil and Mara experienced the loss of their second child to a miscarriage (Virgil is getting to meet their child now). Then, in 1975, the year of the blizzard and the tornado, another blessing arrived: daughter Nicole (Nici). Then the fourth blessing came in 1979, their son, John Matthew Halweg.

Virgil eventually left cookware sales and went to work for a Bee Supply Company for a few years. Virgil's interest in the job came after having made beekeeping a hobby. Virgil's "hobby" spanned 45 years and grew to 100 hives at one point. His bees pollinated lots of local farm fields of sweet clover and alfalfa, producing many barrels of raw honey that Virgil enjoyed extracting every fall.

In 1984, Virgil went to work for Lutheran Brotherhood, now Thrivent, and started his 35- year career advising clients on insurance and investments. Virgil loved serving his clients with honesty and integrity. He often went above and beyond in helping all of his clients. He was instrumental in providing trusted advice to many generations of clients.

The family business started when Nici joined her dad at Lutheran Brotherhood in 1998 as his office professional. She spent close to 14 years helping him with the many technological aspects of the job as well as keeping him organized. John joined Virgil at Lutheran Brotherhood after graduating from Midland University in 2001 as an Advisor. John added to Virgil's practice by helping clients with wealth management and retirement income planning. Suzanne joined in 2012, stepped into the OP role for Nici, and then had the privilege of serving alongside her dad as an Advisor starting in 2016. Mara was always there to encourage and support him along the way.

Virgil was a man of faith, who loved the Lord, and was a doer of the Word. He reflected Jesus through his smile and ability to make people feel loved and seen. He served at LCM in many capacities including usher, church council member, and confirmation teacher.

His favorite sports teams were any team his children or grandchildren played on, along with the Huskers, Royals, Celtics, Packers, and Chiefs.

Virgil passed into glory and joined the great cloud of witnesses on June 21, 2024. Virgil is survived by his wife, Mara; daughters Suzanne (Danny) Gornell and Nicole Halweg, and son John (Kari) Halweg; grandchildren Anna, Nicole, and Daniel Gornell, Selah, Raisa, Mercy, and Matthew Halweg; sister Elaine (Charles) Klingebiel; brother Roger Halweg; nieces Krista (Craig) Nelson, Kerrie (Mark) Erikstrup, Jenifer (Brian) Rheberg, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Ida Halweg, brother Vernon, and sister-in-law, Candace Halweg.

Celebration of Life Service - Lutheran Church of the Master (East Campus) on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 11 am. Luncheon to follow.

Memorials to Lutheran Church of the Master or Endless Journey Hospice Care, Inc.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Master East Campus
2617 S. 114th Street
Omaha, NE

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Virgil will be greatly missed by many. My relationship with him extended beyond our professional interaction. He was also a true friend.

John C. Chatelain - July 10, 2024 at 12:29 PM

TF

“ The McCreery family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Virgil L Halweg.



The McCreery family - June 29, 2024 at 12:29 AM

KC

“ Suzanne, Danny and Family - Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you.

Kate and Bill Cornell

Kate Cornell - June 25, 2024 at 07:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virgil L Halweg.



June 25, 2024 at 07:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Virgil L Halweg.



June 24, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ *Roger Halweg and the Rhebergs* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Virgil L Halweg.



Roger Halweg and the Rhebergs - June 24, 2024 at 11:43 AM