The Reverend Gerald Arthur Steele

Gerald Arthur Steele was born on March 4, 1926 to Walter and Lillian Steele at Sturgeon Falls, Ontario. There were seven other surviving children in the family: Thornton, Walter, Elizabeth, Robert, William, Cy, and Jean.

Gerald (Gerry) went to school at Sturgeon Falls. After high school, Gerry attended the University of Toronto, where he received his Bachelor of Applied Science in 1948. He worked as an aeronautical engineer for A. V. Roe Company from 1948 to 1951. He then attended Wycliffe College in Toronto and obtained his Licentiate in Theology in 1954. From this time on, Gerry worked as an Anglican priest. Later, during a sabbatical year in 1968-69, Gerry returned to Trinity College in Toronto and received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology.

On July 9, 1954, Gerry married Maude Chase of Meota. They lived in Toronto from 1954 to 1956. They then moved to Wynyard and remained there for six years. In 1962, they moved to Biggar, and then in 1970 they relocated to Saskatoon. Four years later they moved to Tisdale, remaining there until Gerry was forced to retire in 1984 due to ill health. They have lived in Meota from that time till now. They raised a family of three: David (wife Dorene) living in Saskatoon, Sylvia (husband Allan Besplug) living in Lethbridge, and John (wife Julia) living in Saskatoon. Gerry and Maude have four grandchildren: James, David, Desirée, and Christopher.

Gerry is a lover of music, whether it be piano playing, singing, listening, or going to a recital. He also enjoys swimming and sailing. Gerry has many achievements. He was named a "canon" of the Diocese of Saskatoon in 1963. In 1969, he was named an "archdeacon" of the same Diocese. He was then named a canon of the Diocese of Saskatchewan in 1978.

Gerry was active in several organizations. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the CO-OPs in Wynyard and Biggar. He served on church boards and was on the National Executive of the Anglican Church of Canada at various times. He was also the first president of the Okema Society for Christian Development.

After living at the Cutknife Special Care Home for nearly six years, Gerry moved to the Lady Minto Health Care Center on November 9, 1995.