



Claussen Rev. Ronad

February 25, 2011

Reverend Ronald Claussen, 74, of Defiance, Ohio died peacefully Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center. He was born July 19, 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Erwin J.D. and Sylvia (Anderson) Claussen. On June 25, 1961 he married Jane (Marten) Claussen in Muscatine, Iowa. Ron graduated with a Speech/Radio TV degree from the University of Omaha and a Divinity Degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque , Iowa. He served his internship at Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine, Iowa from 1960-1961 and was Ordained into the ministry of the American Lutheran Church on July 1, 1962. Ron served at Nazareth Lutheran, Chatfield, Ohio from 1962-1967, Montclair Lutheran, Denver, Colorado from 1967-1975, and Bethlehem and St. Mark's Lutheran Congregations, Defiance , Ohio from 1975-1985; and he continued to serve as a pulpit supply minister to the surrounding area churches. From 1985 to 2001, Ron was the Director of Development and Public Relations at the Filling Memorial Home of Mercy, Napoleon, Ohio and hosted weekly Radio Programs for Filling on WNDH, Napoleon, WONW, Defiance. and WBCO, Bucyrus. For the past 13 years, Ron was a Clergyman and greeter for Rodenberger Funeral Home, Inc. He is survived by a wife, Jane; children, Marty (Karen) Claussen of Derry, New Hampshire, Kelley (Nick) Waisner of Napoleon, Patrik Claussen of Athens, Illinois, and Nicolas Claussen of Athens, Ohio, grandchildren; Samantha, Amanda, and Adam Claussen; Ben Claussen; and Perri and Sarah Waisner; and a sister, Connie Claussen of Omaha, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon with Pastor Buchsteiner officiating. Interment will follow at the Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Adams Ridge Road. Friends may call on Monday from 2-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon. The family suggests memorials be made to the Filling Memorial Home of Mercy of Napoleon.

Tribute Wall



“ Jane and family, I was searching for genealogy info when I came across Pastor Ron's death notice. I remember him as our favorite pastor at Nazareth and many of his email messages. God's Peace!##imported-begin##Sharon Kalb Babcock##imported-end##

April 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Pastor was a special person....a true servant of the Lord. We enjoyed his smile and his kind words. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him. You have our sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Ken And Arlene Freytag##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my prayers to the family. I have found memories of Pastor and think of him as a great mentor for me at that time in my life. I regret not being able to tell him, but I like to think that he already knew since he was always (quite a few) steps ahead. Sincerely, Gena Crites##imported-begin##Gena (crites) Morettini##imported-end##

March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane and Family, Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Ron was a wonderful man, Minister, Friend and will be greatly missed by a lot of people. I will never forget all he taught me the years he was serving our Congregation and beyond. He was a true man of God. Our deepest sympathy at this time of loss. Cindy and Ron Brown##imported-begin##Ron & Cindy Brown##imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kelley, I am so sorry to hear about your father. I know how close you are and I just wanted to let you know we are thinking about you and have you all in our prayers. Troy###imported-begin##Troy, Jill, Connor And Nick###imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane and Family, Pastor Claussen made a big impact on my spiritual development during my teen years at Nazareth in Chatfield. Many of the lessons learned are those that I carry with me today in my teaching career. I also remember almost the entire narration of No Greater Love cantata after listening to him narrate over and over with so much feeling. Praying that God will hold you in his hand and the Holy Spirit will give comfort and peace. Blessings on your family. Thanks for sharing your husband and Dad with Nazareth so long ago. Blessings, Kathy Brause Green###imported-begin##Kathy (brause) Green###imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jane & family Mom just showed me the paper about Ron's passing we were very shocked. I have such fond memories of him when he was my religion teacher at Zion school, I sure he will be missed. Mom and I just wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Love; Joleen Schnedler###imported-begin##Roy Schnedler###imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Jane and Family, Pastor Claussen is the first pastor I remember growing up at Bethlehem. My dad, Jim Knape, was a deacon at the time and we would sit in the back pew. During the last hymn when pastor would walk to the back of the church, he would always look over, wink, and smile. He, of course, took his time down the isle as he walked with his cane. Our next pastor, Rev. Knigga, threw me when he could speed down the isle during the last song. I remember thinking he did it wrong by not taking his time and looking over. I smile when I think of Pastor Claussen. Kristina Behnfeldt and I would always make a point to visit him at the fair. He will be missed. Please accept condolences on behalf of me and my family. God Bless. Cheryl###imported-begin##Cheryl (knape) Gerber###imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Though I was at BG when you were at Nazareth you were a part of my life. Pastor married Ron and I on June 24, 1967. Those years have passed quickly.###imported-begin##Kathy (kalb) Day###imported-end##

March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ He was a fine person, deaf people admired his grace and good patience with listening by writing. I enjoyed his sense of humor. Thanks for his serve with God's words for all people. Peace him with God's hands.###imported-begin##Dawn Watts (bostelman)###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I give thanks for Ron's life and ministry. His love of family and friends nourished so many. I pray with you all in these days of remembrance. May you know the peace of Christ in your hearts and minds. Love, Sharon Mangold Rogers###imported-begin##Sharon Rogers###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Nick and Ben- what a wonderful life your father/grandfather has led. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you.###imported-begin##Shawn Stover & Sandy Sharp###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for you and your families loss. We are all thinking of you here at work and you are in our prayers.###imported-begin##Gloria Whitlatch###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ From the Zielinski family, our deepest condolences to Nick and Ben and all the Claussen family.###imported-begin##Scott Zielinski###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Nick and Ben, So sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.###imported-begin##The Gribble-mcknight Family###imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Nick and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you..If you need anything at all please let us know. Roy and Cathy##imported-begin##Cathy Shumway And Roy Kirkendall##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Nick and Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Tabatha Mcdade##imported-end##

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“ Nick-So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Deanna##imported-begin##Deanna Bragg-boggs##imported-end##

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“ My condolences. Pastor Claussen was very dedicated in his ministry. He spent a lot of time with my grandparents throughout the years.##imported-begin##Eric Ludemann##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Deepest condolences on the passing of your father.##imported-begin##Dave Reed##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We were not able to make it to the funeral home. You have our sincere sympathy. He was a very nice man and I enjoyed his Ramblings Steve and Kathy (Wiechers) Lieb##imported-begin##Steve & Kathy Lieb##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mrs. Claussen and family, Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in the passing of Pastor Claussen. The last time I saw him was a few years ago when he was in Bucyrus at Bob Evans. He stopped at my table and we visited for a few minutes It was good to see him again and catch up on your family. May God be with you all.Linda##imported-begin##Linda Kalb Freeman##imported-end##

March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane, Pat and family. Just a note to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, and in the prayers of our church. May God comfort you all in your time of loss. Love in Jesus. Mike and Connie Drake##imported-begin##Mike Drake##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat, Sorry to here of the passing of your Dad! It is never a good time to loose a parent, but hope that the memories you have of your Dad will keep him alive in your heart. Linda & Jay##imported-begin##Jay Davis##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Pastor Ron passing away. He has been in our prayers. He has filled-in at our church - Trinity Lutheran in Delta - when our pastor has been on vacation. His sermons are always so meaningful. We've also really enjoyed his Ramblings from Ron. We will miss those. He has been a blessing to so many, many people - sharing God's love. Now he can be in heaven and he will be able to walk again. May God be with all of you now and in the days ahead. Carol & Robert##imported-begin##Robert And Carol Cain##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Rev Ron and I worked together many years at Filling Home.He was such a good man!! know he will be greatly missed,and special sympathy to his sweet granddaughter Sarah,who is just as nice as he was. Sincerely Judi Cotter##imported-begin##Judi Cotter##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat and Family: As we near the season of Easter, recall the blessings that we all receive and that our sins are forgiven thru the blood of Christ. Rest assured that life eternal is a gift to those who trust in the Lord. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.##imported-begin##Greg Weickart##imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane, I'm so sorry. I still remember Ron most of all as the fresh new intern. And I remember when you got your diamond and Ron grabbed your hand with the sparkling diamond and practically shoved it in Mom's face. What a wonderful life you've had since then, what a wonderful family. I pray the comfort of blessing for you and your dear family. Dianne###imported-begin###Dianne Prichard###imported-end##

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“ Pat & family --- our sympathies and condolences for you and family. Barb & Jonathan Koch Dixon IL###imported-begin###Jonathan Koch###imported-end##

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“ Condolences from the Riggs family. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Riggs Family###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Jane and family, Pastor Claussen was my teen years pastor at Nazareth Lutheran in Chatfield. Myself and my family thought he was top notch!!!! I used to run into him at our county fair, here in Bucyrus, and it wasn't the same when he retired. He was a wonderful pastor, and friend, and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless. Sandy (Auck) Fankhauser###imported-begin###Sandy (auck) Fankhauser###imported-end##

February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat: Just a note to let you know we're thinking of you and your family during this time, and keeping you in our prayers. Sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Jeff And Kathy##imported-end##

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