



Niermann Rev Walter

February 22, 2008

Rev. Walter H. Niermann, 80, of Napoleon, Ohio died Friday morning, Feb. 22, 2008 at his home after a short battle with cancer. He was born on July 2, 1927 in St. Louis, Missouri, the son of Walter and Emma (Nehrt) Niermann. In 1951 he married Elvira M. Ziegelbein of Concordia, Missouri. She preceded him in death in September, 1998. Walter was a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor, having graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1952. He served three congregations during his ministry: Grace Lutheran in Blairstown, Iowa (1952-1957); Our Redeemer Lutheran in Iowa City, Iowa (1957-1984); and St. Paul Lutheran in Amherst, Ohio (1984-1992). He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa the past eleven years. Most recently he was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Freedom Twp., Napoleon, Ohio. Surviving are three sons, David Niermann of Minneapolis, MN; Thomas (Pat) Niermann of Mahomet, IL; Rev. Stephen (Bonnie) Niermann of Napoleon, OH; three daughters, Deborah Niermann of Waterloo, IA; Pamela (Kurt) Goebel of Danvers, IL; and Elizabeth Niermann of Stow, OH; 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Visitation will be on Sunday, Feb. 24, 4-7:00 p.m. at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, Ohio followed by a devotional service at the funeral home at 7:00 p.m. Services will be at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Timothy Zimmerman officiating. A time of visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 9:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Linwood Cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Arrangements are by the Rodenberger

Funeral Home of Napoleon, Ohio and the Murdoch Funeral Home of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Preferred memorial donations are to the Memorial Fund of St. John Lutheran Church, Napoleon, Ohio; Henry County Hospice, Ohio; or the Student Aid Fund of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iowa City, Iowa. Online condolences may be made at www.rodembergerfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *My sympathies to my good friend David upon the loss of his Father.*###imported-begin###Rick Schara###imported-end###

February 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pastor was a wonderful man and he will be missed dearly.*###imported-begin###Mary (robinson) Benson###imported-end###

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy to all of Pastor Niermann's family. He was a wonderful Pastor who I greatly admired and respected. (Sorry, I accidentally touched a wrong key and signed twice)*###imported-begin###Loretta (meyer) Vogt###imported-end###

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *###imported-begin###Loretta (meyer) Vogt###imported-end###*

February 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To Steve Niermann: Deepest condolences on your family's loss. I lost my dad the day before Thanksgiving 2005, and even though the day was coming, none of us can really be prepared. Your strong faith, and your family & friends, will help you through this time. May you be comforted among all who mourn. -- Toby Dvoretzky (your City High classmate), TBoneTX77014@yahoo.com##imported-begin##Toby Dvoretzky##imported-end##

February 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Deb, An old classmate here sending my condolences to you across the years and miles. I am sorry about your dad. He certainly has earned his reward in the heavens. Take the best of care. Scott.##imported-begin##Scott Mcquillen##imported-end##

February 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ He will be missed.##imported-begin##John And Paula Robinson##imported-end##

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“ I have always considered Pastor Niermann to be my pastor. He was the pastor I knew from my youth, he confirmed me in the faith and married me. When I was straying from the faith in my teens God used him and his gentle love to hold me close. Pastor Niermann was also one of the key people who encouraged me to become a pastor myself [early in life through his presence and later in life through my recollections of his words and actions]. I was blessed to be able to tell him this myself when I came through Napoleon, OH with the seminary choir. He was faithful in his vocation and I will always be thankful to God for his service to me and to those whom God placed in his care. Praise the Lord for his goodness and I look forward to the time when we will all be joined together again. Peace to all who mourn the separation... but take heart for it is not permanent!###imported-begin##Jonathan Meraz###imported-end##

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“ So sorry. Your dad was so supportive of us. Pain, discomfort and sadness free now. We send our love and sympathy to all of you. God Bless and keep you safe in your travels too.###imported-begin##Valerie & Eric Babcock###imported-end##

February 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers are with all of you at this time. The Lord has called one of his Shepherds to receive his reward.###imported-begin##Don And Diane Lamoreaux###imported-end##

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