

Rev. Paul A. Weber

February 10, 1927 - May 27, 2018

Pastor Paul A. Weber, 91, of Napoleon passed on from this life and went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 27, 2018. He was born February 10, 1927 in Jonesville, Indiana, where his father taught in the parish school. Later the family moved to Woodburn, Indiana, where his father taught at Zion Lutheran School. Here Pastor Weber received his elementary education. He attended Concordia High School and Junior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana and graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri on June 6, 1952. Before graduation he vicared at Calvary Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland and there helped with the organization of the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew in Wheaton, Maryland.

After graduation Pastor Weber was called as Missionary-at-large in the Iowa District. He was ordained and installed at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Eagle Grove, Iowa on November 9, 1952. On August 30, 1953, he was installed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa (Deer Creek) where he was instrumental in building a new church. This church was dedicated May 18, 1955. In May, 1957, Pastor Weber accepted a call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Woodland, Indiana (Mishawaka) where he served until he accepted a call to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Macomb, on August 2, 1959. He served here until December 31, 1961. On January 7, 1962 he was installed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana, where he served until he followed the divine call to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, Ohio and was installed

August 21, 1966.

In addition to serving the Lord in the parishes listed, Pastor Weber was active in other phases of Kingdom work. He served as Pastoral Advisor for the Walther League, Lutheran Laymen's League, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. In 1965 and 1966 he served on the staff of Lutheran Service Volunteer School at Camp Lutherland in Southern Indiana. He recorded devotions for the radio program Morning Meditations and also Worship for Shut-Ins which aired on television. He served as Counselor of Circuit Northwest II of the Ohio District as well as Third, Second, and First Vice President. In 1982 He was elected President of the Ohio District LCMS serving through 1988. He then continued to serve as interim pastor in many congregations throughout Northwest Ohio during pastoral vacancies.

On October 21, 1950, Pastor Weber married the former Berdina (Berdie) Woebbeking of Woodburn, Indiana who preceded him in death in 2008. They are the parents of four children, Stephen (deceased in infancy), Paulette of Burke, Virginia, Christie of Napoleon, and Luther (Becky) of Falls Church, Virginia. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Paul (Kelsie) Weber and Thomas Weber; brother, Robert (Thea) Weber; and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Weber, and special friends of the family, Janice Hoffer, Tom Shaw and Kathleen Smith. Pastor Weber was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son, sisters, Lorna Brenneke and Thelma Lowden, and brother, William Weber.

Funeral Services for Pastor Weber will be Monday, June 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Napoleon. Interment will follow with a grave side service at 3:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Woodburn, Indiana. The service will be live streamed at www.stpaulnapoleon.org.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 3 from 1-7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Napoleon and one hour prior to the funeral on Monday.

Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1075 Glenwood Ave., Napoleon, Ohio 43545, Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center, St. Louis, MO 63141, or Worship Anew (formerly Worship for Shut-ins) at Www.WorshipAnew.org, 5 Martin Luther Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, (260) 471-5683.

Online condolences can be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Visitation

JUN 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Weber Family,*

Pastor Paul was a wonderful District President! At that time he encouraged me greatly, during my long ministry at Zion, Lorain. While I never saw him again, he, apparently, spoke some kind words about me relating to what became my future pastorate in Florida. My God comfort all the survivors. In Christ, Dr. Gary C. Genzen, Pastor Emeritus, Bethany, Leesburg, Florida.

Dr. Gary C. Genzen - June 07, 2018 at 03:28 PM

LV

“ *Elaine and I feel extremely blessed to have shared our time with Pastor Paul and Berdina Weber. We will truly miss his handshakes and smile.*

He had a huge impact on everyone he met. Whenever someone finds out we are from St. Paul, Napoleon, they always ask "How's Pastor Weber doing?".

May God bless his family with that comfort that only He can provide.

Loren Volkman - June 03, 2018 at 05:07 PM

CH

“ *I have such fond memories of Pastor Weber, wife and children visiting Frankenmuth and all the Weber clan getting together for food and fellowship. He was my mom's cousin (Edna Weber Schiefer). May the family find peace and joy in the gift of eternal life!*

Craig and Char Hillman

Char Hillman - June 02, 2018 at 07:41 AM

JH

“ My mother, Elaine Helmke Bremer, spoke of Paul so many times. She had many fond memories of he and Berdie. My sympathies to the family. I am sure he was welcomed to heaven with “ come thou good and faithful servant.” To God be the glory!

Julie Litzenberg Hockemeyer - June 02, 2018 at 07:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.



June 01, 2018 at 11:53 AM

IB

“ In Christ, Rev.Christopher, Sarah, and Connor Beck purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.



In Christ, Rev.Christopher, Sarah, and Connor Beck - June 01, 2018 at 11:19 AM

RB

“ Our deepest Christian sympathy to Pastor Weber's church and biological families. He was indeed a pastors' pastor.He was kind, smiled, listened but also while sharing The Gospel firm. Now Paul rests with the Lord and Savior he served, worshipped and loved. We have fond memories from our time at Concordia, Independence, OH.
Love & joy,Al and Marge Bruning, Ashland, VA

Rev. Al and Marge Bruning - May 31, 2018 at 08:26 PM

SB

“ Paul Weber was a tremendous Pastor - the epitome of a servant of Christ. He was an excellent preacher, highly intuitive, thoughtful and kind. As tremendous a Pastor as he was, he was an even better man. The Lord bless the Weber family.

Steven D. Behnfeldt

Steven D. Behnfeldt - May 31, 2018 at 07:18 PM

SM

“ Pastor Weber was always one of my favorites at St Paul Lutheran in Napoleon. What an amazing man! He will be missed!

Sarah Osterhout-Murray

sarah murray - May 31, 2018 at 05:54 PM

DA

“ Dr. Dan & Becky Schmidt, Dr. Andy & Stacy Schmidt, Drs. Bryan & Anna Marr and the Staff of Auburn Dental Associates purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.



Dr. Dan & Becky Schmidt, Dr. Andy & Stacy Schmidt, Drs. Bryan & Anna Marr and the Staff of Auburn Dental Associates - May 31, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.



May 31, 2018 at 02:31 PM

KS

“ I knew Pastor Weber through "Worship for Shut-Ins" (the Ft. Wayne version). He would often call me when I was the Executive Director with compliments and advice. I did get to meet him personally when he came to our annual fall Appreciation Dinner. He was a kind and gentle man. Thank you to the family for remembering "Worship Anew" for suggested memorials. Ken Schilf, Executive Director Emeritus of Lutheran Ministries Media

Kenneth M. Schilf - May 31, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.



May 30, 2018 at 05:33 PM

GK

“ I first met Pastor Weber nearly 50 years ago visiting my uncle and principal, Christian Kaiser at St. Peter, Macomb, Michigan at age 12. This servant of God made an immediate impression on me and I was fortunate to continue our acquaintance as I became principal at St. John, Defiance. What a kind and compassionate man! He was always quick to ask about how my family and I were doing. As I observed him as pastor, caregiver and Ohio District President, I marveled as he handled all situations from stressful problems to joyful experiences with whatever was demanded at the time. He truly was the consummate shepherd of the flock. May I also express: Well done thou good and faithful servant.

George Kaiser

George J Kaiser - May 30, 2018 at 04:51 PM



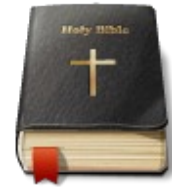
“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Rev. Paul A. Weber.*



May 30, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *Pastor Weber was the epitome of what a Christian and Pastor should be. He was kind, humble, funny and a blessing to anyone he came in contact. He lived his life with grace and humor. He will be missed!*
George and Elaine Wells



George & Elaine Wells - May 30, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Pastor Weber. I was confirmed in 1973 and exactly 10 years later I got married and transferred my membership. Then..years later I met up with him at a funeral. He told the other people with me..and these are his exact words “Hey! She’s one of mine!” Never forgot it.*
I’m sure Pastor Weber has heard these words: “Well done, good and faithful servant”.
Donna Elling Schwiebert

Donna Elling Schwiebert - May 29, 2018 at 05:51 PM

PK

“ Pam & Katrina lit a candle in memory of Rev. Paul A. Weber



Pam & Katrina - May 29, 2018 at 03:22 PM

JH

“ Rev. Paul Weber was a great man. I was glad to know him. May his family be comforted.

Janice E. Hales - May 29, 2018 at 09:40 AM

PN

“ About a week ago I ran into Pastor at Walmart. It was so good to see him. He was a very special Pastor to our family, marrying Jerry and me 48 years ago and also baptizing our three babies. When I got home from Walmart I told Jerry about seeing him and how just giving him a hug, as I always did, I felt this very sense of divine peace and comfort like an aura around him. It was so vivid that tears came as I was sharing this most loving, peaceful feeling that our whole family had for him. Now I know that God was preparing him for his rightful crown in glory. I hope this story gives you comfort in knowing how many lives he touched and blessed. We'll keep you in all in our prayers. God Bless. In loving memory, Jerry and Pam Nagel

Pamela Nagel - May 29, 2018 at 03:44 AM

KB

Such a wonderful person, a caring heart, friendly smile, and such a sense of humor you will be missed God has a new Angel named Paul

Kay and George Boehm - May 29, 2018 at 07:59 AM

PB

Pastor Weber was such a truly genuine and caring man, and such a blessing. I would often see him at Walmart, and enjoyed our many heartfelt conversations 💕. Heaven certainly gained a special Angel. You'll always be in our hearts and prayers!

Pam Bruns - May 29, 2018 at 09:59 AM

DW

Pastor Weber has been a blessing to me and to our family since 1958, when at a Walther League Camp in Iowa, he told me to pray about being a pastor. I did. In 1965 I became a Lutheran School Teacher and in 1973 was ordained a pastor serving ever since in the Ohio District. He was a wonderful President. But more, he was a Brother and a Friend. I am sure he is praising Jesus for the opportunity to serve. I will never forget this beloved man. He blessed so many. --Pastor Don and Carolyn Weiss.

Donald E. Weiss - May 29, 2018 at 03:09 PM

PB

Pastor Weber was such a genuine, and caring man. I often ran into him at Walmart, and enjoyed our many conversations. Heaven gained a special Angel; you'll always remain in our thoughts and prayers 💕

Pam Bruns - May 29, 2018 at 03:26 PM

RN

In my mind, Pastor Weber is the very definition of what it means to be a pastor. His love for the Lord and for the Lord's people was evident in everything he did and said. I'll never forget the day I spent with him in November of 1998 when we first came to St. John, Napoleon. As the vacancy pastor, He took me around to meet the shut-ins and to show me the neighborhood. Everywhere we went, he greeted people by name and joked with them, and they responded with obvious affection. I marveled how a man could know so many people so personally. I thank God for Pastor Weber and for the inspiration he was to me and to so many pastors in northwest Ohio and around the Ohio District! He was a gift of God! "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Rev. Stephen Niermann - May 29, 2018 at 06:13 PM

RS

Pastor Weber was such a special minister and friend to my entire family. My dad was on the Board of Elders when Pastor Weber came to St. Paul's and a very special friendship followed. His smiling face and gentle words will be sadly missed at St. Paul's but Heaven gained a very special angel.

Rita Schuette - May 29, 2018 at 06:50 PM

JH

*As I have been reading the comments on this wall, I couldn't help but feel what a great tribute it is to Pastor Weber that so many of us are having the exact same thoughts regarding this great man. Pastor Weber was the textbook definition of what a Pastor should be. Like all others whose lives he touched, I am better for having known him. And I thank God for bringing him into my life.
"Well done, good and faithful servant."*

Jim Homan - May 30, 2018 at 09:25 AM

TA

Paul ordained me into the pastoral ministry on July 1, 1979, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, south of Wauseon. As others have written, he embodied to me what a pastor ought to be. He and Birdie kept track of our family and ministry, visiting us in Boca Raton (FL) and Ann Arbor (MI). A little less than two years ago, we sat down together in Fort Wayne at a Worship Anew banquet and caught up on things. Knowing someone like Paul was a tremendous blessing, and one of the wonderful ways God blesses us on our earthly journey. I look forward to seeing him and Birdie in life eternal! God be praised!

Tom Ahlersmeyer - May 31, 2018 at 09:45 AM

KM

During my transition into the Pastoral Ministry, he was very encouraging and helpful. He gave me a series of Bible Commentary books and even phoned me last summer as I celebrated my 15th year of ordination. He is now with His Lord in peace, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Rev. Kurt Mews

Kurt F Mews - May 31, 2018 at 12:06 PM

TB

Pastor Paul, as my father called him in recent years, was a constant servant of the Lord. After my mother passed away 8 years ago last week, pastor became a supportive friend to my father. Pastor even made a special trip to the hospital the morning after my father surgery two weeks ago. He provided a welcome calming presence that comes from the assurance of salvation we have through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Tina Browning - May 31, 2018 at 08:11 PM

LJ

Pastor Weber a special man.he married us 52 yrs ago at Trinity. I will never forget him saying "Your not only marrying each other but also your in laws"

Leroy & Darlene Jackemeyer - May 31, 2018 at 08:55 PM

VP

Pastor Paul was a very special pastor and man. After Vern and I were married we met him and Berdie as we were going into the Essen Haus in Pettisville for our wedding reception. Pastor knew both of us as he had substituted at both our churches but didn't know we had been dating. When he asked us what the occasion was and we told him we were married, he was totally surprised, but happy for us. Whenever we met after that, he reminded us of that. He never forgot a face or name and was truly interested and caring. The last time we saw him he mentioned that he was so ready to go to heaven. Rest in peace Pastor Weber.

Vern and Launita Plassman - June 03, 2018 at 02:57 PM

SH

I will never forget living as neighbors to Pastor and Birdie and their family. Tony and I could never have asked for better neighbors, Our boys went to St. Paul for 5 years until we moved to Defiance. During our time at " St. Paul's, Pastor brought Tony to Christ and he was confirmed by Pastor. Pastor and Birdie were their whenever we needed them and never said NO. When my Dad died, he was there to comfort me and help me through it. The last time many of us saw them was at Mark and Devrie's wedding in Fort Wayne 12 years ago. He said he had to come and make sure Mark got married. When Tony was ill he kept in touch with me. All I can say is what others are saying "Well done, good and faithful servant." My prayers are with his family.

Shirley Homan - June 05, 2018 at 07:59 PM