



Pastor Rudolf Trusheim

March 17, 1928 - December 2, 2021

Rudolf Trusheim was born near Hubbard, Iowa on March 17, 1928 and passed away December 2, 2021 entering the mansion Jesus has prepared for him. He was the second of eight children born to Jakob and Emma Krueger Trusheim and lived most of his childhood on the family farm near Marshalltown.

During his late teens, he accepted Jesus as his Savior and felt a call to the ministry. He graduated from Westmar College in 1953 and The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois in 1956. During his years in seminary he served as a student pastor at Peoples Evangelical United Brethren Church in Symerton, Illinois where he met Ruth Austin.

Rudy and Ruth were married in 1955 and moved to Iowa following Rudy's graduation. Rudy served as pastor to Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches in Russel, Hubbard, Radcliffe, Dumont, Des Moines and Waterloo before his retirement in 1993. He also served as the Fort Dodge District Superintendent. Rudy was very active in the Iowa United Methodist Conference. He enjoyed serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry which allowed him to become a mentor to many young pastors.

Following retirement, Rudy was a member of Staves Memorial United Methodist Church in Des Moines. He remained active as a minister including performing the marriages of his grandchildren and baptizing his greatgrandchildren. He served as chaplain of the Sertoma Club of Des Moines and worked at Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Des Moines. He

enjoyed golfing, gardening and caring for his lawn. Rudy and Ruth traveled extensively visiting the Holy Land, Alaska, Hawaii, Europe and Canada on a Queen Mary II tour to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Rudy is survived by his loving wife, Ruth of 66 years; sons, Mark (Beth) Trusheim of Morris, Illinois and Paul Trusheim of Duluth, Minnesota; grandchildren, Brian (Rebecca) Trusheim of Yorkville, Illinois and Jennifer (Matthew) Lange of Mequon, Wisconsin and greatgrandchildren, Shelby, Kaylie, Anna, Calvin and Mason; brother Wilbert (Jackie) Trusheim of Bettendorf, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Henry, Paul, Raymond, Harold and sisters, Anna and Helen.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 11 AM Monday, December 6, 2021, at the Staves Memorial United Methodist Church. Visitation will be 10 AM until service time. Burial at 2 PM Monday, at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Staves Memorial United Methodist Church in loving memory of Rudolf.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Visitation

DEC 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave
Des Moines, IA 50317

Celebration of Life Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
2747 E Madison Ave
Des Moines, IA 50317

Graveside Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Memorial Gardens
602 Iowa Ave E.
Marshalltown, IA 50158

Tribute Wall

LL

“ My parents, Chuck & Dorothy Mueller were friends of Rudy and Ruth. The Mueller family send our condolences to those left behind and praise for a life well lived. I am certain mom played the organ in heaven as Rudy entered into life eternal.

Lynn Mueller Laursen

Lynn Mueller Laursen - December 06, 2021 at 07:27 PM

JW

“ To Pastor Trusheim's family. I have fond memories of working funerals with Pastor Rudy while he was at First Methodist in Waterloo, Iowa. He was very gracious and easy to work with. I remember with fondness when I would present him with a gratuity for doing a funeral he would always say, "Never necessary, always appreciated". Blessings. John Waychoff, Funeral Director

John M. Waychoff - December 06, 2021 at 12:39 PM

PA

“ When I responded to a call to ministry in 1983 while living in Alden, I met D.S. Rudy Trusheim. I understand it now as primarily a formality but then, to me, it was a visit with an amazing man, sincere, caring, and a passionate Christian. Throughout the past 38 years when we connected - seldom as it was - he remained a person of sincere care and spirit.

Ironic that my first church, Ventura, had been served (two times for a combined 15 years) by Rev. Elton Miller who also served Dumont; and who provided encouragement as I sought a faithful way forward.

*May you be gifted with peace that passes all understanding,
Paul Frederiksen*

Paul - December 06, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MK

“ Dear Ruth and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My family was all together for my mom's (Mavis Cook) Celebration of Life service when we learned the news. We empathize with your grief. I have shared Rudy's obituary with Clive who wants me to convey his deepest sympathy. I know Rudy was an important part of his and our family's life. I'm pretty sure Rudy baptized all us Cook children. I have fond memories of our families spending time when we were younger. May the Lord comfort you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Marilyn (Cook) Kinkead

Marilyn Kinkead - December 06, 2021 at 01:28 AM

PP

“ Ruth & family,
I'm so sorry for your loss! Rudy was a huge influence for me in my walk with the Lord. His messages in church always spoke to me. I hope you find comfort in knowing that he is in the arms of the Lord now! Will be praying for you and your family.
God bless,
Peg Pape
From the Waterloo church

Peggy Pape - December 05, 2021 at 08:46 PM

ES

“ Dear Ruth,

I remember your neighborhood Christmas brunch which we all enjoyed. We were lucky to have such good neighbors. I will remember you in my prayers.

Liz Schroeder

Elizabeth A Schroeder - December 05, 2021 at 01:35 PM

GT

“ Dear Ruth, my Aunt Ilda Hammer always took me to church with her and my memories have faded but I do remember her friendship and respect with your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Gwendolyn and David Griffiths

Gwen Griffiths Thomas - December 05, 2021 at 07:55 AM

JW

“ Dear Ruth & family. So sorry to pick up the paper today & see Rudy's obituary. We loved him & you. I am trying to think of our favorite sermon, know it was about something "little" it will come to me when I least expect it. We are not sure we will make it to services on Monday but know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. Love & Hugs. Jim & Judi Wright, Russell, Iowa.

jim & Judi Wright - December 04, 2021 at 07:33 PM