



Rev. Stephen E. Rumley

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Stephen Elmore Rumley entered the Lord's presence on January 14, 2020. Stephen was born on September 29, 1946 to Elmore and Charleen (Johnston) Rumley in Detroit, Michigan. Stephen received Christ as his Savior at age eleven, as described in John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" KJV. On September 8, 1967, Stephen married his high school sweetheart Nancy Jane Crawford, who would love and support him through more than fifty years of marriage.

After completing four years of service in the United States Air Force, Stephen answered God's call to preach "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Corinthians 1:21 KJV). He attended seminary and then pastored First Baptist Church of Francesville, Indiana, for three years before moving to Muskegon in 1979. At Sheridan Drive Baptist Church, Pastor Rumley taught through the Bible three times, disciplined servant leaders, and supported families in practical Christian living during his forty years of ministry. One of Pastor's favorite verses was Galatians 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (KJV).

Pastor is survived by his wife Nancy (Crawford) Rumley; children Scott (Naomi) Rumley of Hartford, Michigan, Laura Rumley, Keith (Christine) Rumley of DeWitt, Michigan, Peter (Jamie) Rumley of Bloomington, Indiana, Karen (Josh) Dear, Anna Rumley, Wade (Sarah) Rumley, Kezia Rumley, Patience (Noah) Hartley; twenty-nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Bev Rumley of Wayne, Michigan, siblings Jane (Tom) Nast of Rochester, Michigan, Sarah (Barry) Long of Gaylord, Michigan, Jon (Nona) Rumley of Michigan City, Indiana, and Tim (Sue) Rumley of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pastor is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Carl Rumley, and grandchildren Nicholas Rumley and Nadia Rumley.



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The homegoing service for Pastor Rumley will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Sheridan Drive Baptist Church, 84 S. Sheridan Dr, Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 773-6072. Friends may meet the family 5-8:00PM Friday, January 17, 2020 at the Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210 and one hour prior to the funeral at the church, on Saturday. For those desiring to make an expression of sympathy, you are asked to consider Pastor Steve's family. You are also invited to share memories or a verse with the family at their online guest book at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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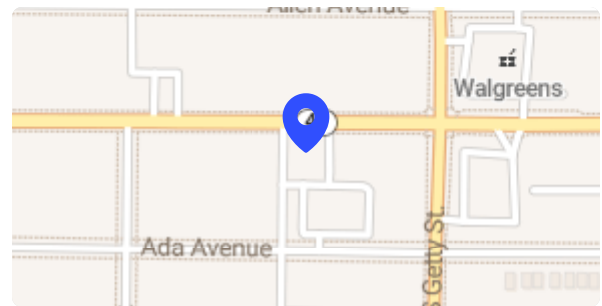
Visitation

Friday, January 17, 2020

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Sytsema Chapel

737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon MI 49442



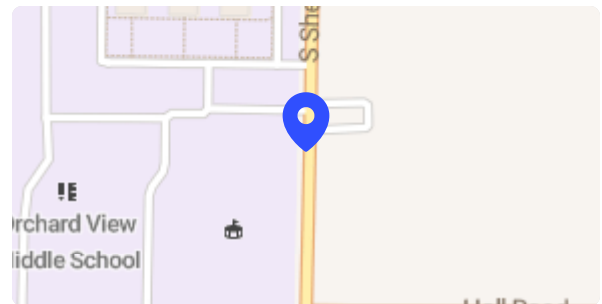
Visitation

Saturday, January 18, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Sheridan Drive Baptist Church

84 S. Sheridan Dr., Muskegon MI



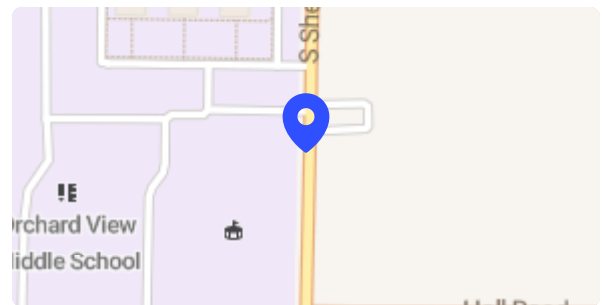
Celebration of Life

Saturday, January 18, 2020

11:00 AM ET

Sheridan Drive Baptist Church

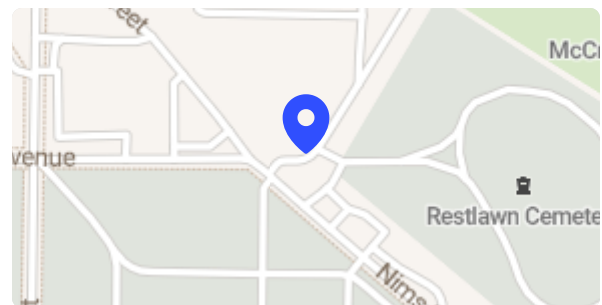
84 S. Sheridan Dr., Muskegon MI



Cemetery Details

Restlawn Cemetery

1400 Kenneth Street, Muskegon MI 49442





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Rich T posted:

Pastor Rumley, I know you are where we all long to be. We miss and love you for being God's humble servant. - Galations 2:20His banner over us is love,Our sword the Word of God;We tread the road the saints aboveWith shouts of triumph trod.By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,Swept on o'er every field;The faith by which they conquered deathIs still our shining shield.

September 14 at 12:37 AM



Jim Keck posted:

Pastor Steve was a faithful and upright man of God. I have great respect for him and his family. We look forward to seeing him again in heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Nancy and his family. Jim and Toni Keck

January 18 at 7:35 PM



Rebecca Skwarek posted:

We want to thank the Lord for Pastor Stephen Rumley, his life, and his testimony of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. May God comfort and strengthen each of you in your time of sorrow, knowing that He is with you as He has promised. May you also be able to rejoice in fond memories of times well spent at home, at church, on the lake, or overseas in Russia (as I have), and remember a life well lived and a wonderful legacy of living your life for Christ and His glory! Please accept our condolences, love and prayers for each of you. Gary & Rebecca (Ross) Skwarek and Family

January 18 at 9:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Rumley family.



January 17 at 7:16 AM



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JS

Jim And Cindy Snead posted:

When we were looking for a church, we made a list of various churches that we might visit. After visiting Sheridan Drive Baptist Church, we knew we had found 'home' and did not even visit any other church. Pastor Rumley shared his love for his church family. He wanted everyone to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. He gave the salvation message often and encouraged his flock to grow in their faith. He encouraged us to use our talents to help others and to be an encouragement to others. He instilled in us the desire to learn more about Him and to get involved in sharing the gospel. Pastor was a strong leader for his family as well as his church family. All of his children are Christians and actively use their talents for Christ. It is obvious that he is loved and respected by his family. We continue to pray for Nancy, and for his children and their families. Our condolences to all. God is good - all the time!

January 17 at 6:10 AM

GS

Gary&Mary Rohrmayer And Converge Midamerica Staff sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rumley family.



January 16 at 9:28 AM

FS

From The Staff At Joe's Service Station sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Rumley family.



January 16 at 8:41 AM

JT

Jane & Tom, Sarah & Barry, Jon & Nona, Tim & Sue sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rumley family.



January 16 at 6:40 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Rumley family.



January 16 at 6:26 AM



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Everyone At Midwest Realty Group sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Rumley family.



January 16 at 5:09 AM



Marilyn Scraver posted:

My memory of Steve Rumley goes back many years to the privilege of meeting him and Nancy and teaching a few of their children at Faith Christian, before they began their many years of homeschooling. Then when I was called to serve the Lord in missions, especially teaching MKs in Togo, Steve and Nancy and the family supported me financial for all or almost all of those 34 years. This gave me opportunities on furloughs to spend a little time with them and continue to appreciate the godly parenting and godly children who are now grown and raising their own children. My heart goes out to each member of the family - Nancy, each now-grown daughter and son, their spouses and the grandchildren.

January 15 at 6:28 AM



Wendy Elsey posted:

At Dowagiac First United Methodist Church, all we know about Rev. Rumley is his son, Scott. I think Scott was greatly influenced by his father. Rev. Rumley, I wish I could have told you what a Godly, kind, talented, modest, spiritual leader we all see in your son. You are to be commended.

January 15 at 6:15 AM



Polly Judd January 15 at 12:37 PM
Great expression Wendy. Amen



Dave shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

May God put him in a special place where he will be watching us, the people who loved and cherished him. (This picture is from my brother's funeral service in 2017) David and Arla



January 15 at 2:10 AM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rumley family.



January 15 at 12:01 AM



Christine Ward lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

who is a fairy



January 14 at 5:17 PM



Christine Ward January 15 at 6:22 AM

so sorry he was a very good man I tried to erase that I was just trying to light a candle and after I posted it I looked it was on there I don't know how come they come on there I'm very sorry



Christine Ward January 15 at 6:10 AM

didnt mean to send that i went to send that to someone else



Rudy G. Hoggard January 14 at 7:44 PM

Steve was a good, Christian roommate with me in 1967-68, Kincheloe AFB, Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie. My first time away from home as a young man. I pray God ministers to the family.



Christine Ward January 14 at 5:18 PM

He was a very nice man prayers go out to his family



Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Rumley family.



January 14 at 4:26 PM



Condolences From Laura's Team In Bishkek sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rumley family.



January 14 at 4:12 PM



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SV

Susan Vredeveld lit a candle in honor of Stephen.



January 14 at 3:04 PM

CK

Cherielynn Kelley posted:

I could never thank Pastor Rumley enough for all the times over the years he was there for my family. It didn't matter what the circumstances were, he brought a veil of comfort along with his prayers and visits. From the time my children were little through their growing years, when my mother was battling cancer and when she passed, when my niece passed away suddenly at a very young age, and the many trips and visits to the hospital to see Russ and pray with us during his surgeries. He and Nancy were there praying over Amelia when she was born. He always asked about our sons during their military time and how those living out of state were doing. The comfort his visits, prayers and private conversations he would have with Russ during his final weeks with us brought him were something only Pastor Rumley and our Lord could provide. I will forever be grateful to him for that. His family is going to struggle trying to get to a point when they can smile at all the beauty he brought into their lives even though they know beyond a doubt that he has a special place in Heaven and that they will all be together again someday. Until then, I will pray for them. I know how difficult it is for your children and grandchildren to lose their dad and grandfather. His memories are everywhere, but his physical presence is elsewhere, and this is a struggle Nancy and his family will be facing now. Thank you, Pastor Steve Rumley.

January 14 at 12:50 PM



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January 15 at 2:10 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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