



Rev. Herbert H. Graupner

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Rev. Herbert Henry Graupner, age 88, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020. He was born September 26, 1931 to Oscar and Louise (Hattendorf) Graupner in Fosston, MN. He graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1956. He served at Trinity Lutheran Church, Muskegon, MI for 31 years until his retirement. Rev. Graupner married Nancy Lee Dobbs on June 29, 1958 in Flint, MI, who preceded him in death in September of 2002. He then married Jean Louise Bohlmann-Blase on February 12, 2005 in Edwardsville, IL. Rev. Graupner took great pleasure in sharing the story of the life and love of Jesus with people of all ages. Rev. Graupner is survived by his loving and faithful wife, Jean, daughters Elizabeth A. Green of Whitehall, MI and Anne Marie (Mark) Tietsort of Wisconsin Rapids, WI; step-children Cindy (Fritz) Ferrante of Portland, Oregon, Linda (Dan) Brantley of Edwardsville, IL, James (Lynn) Blase currently serving in Serbia, and Gary (Maria) Blase of Charlotte, NC; grandchildren Kira Clock, Tom IV (Kelli) Clock, Jack (Jessie) Clock, Amanda (Gary) Boyer, Matthew Tietsort, Kimberly (Matt) McMullan, Olivia Blase, Mariah (Ram) Miro, Alex Blase (special friend Brandi), and Margarite Blase; great-grandchildren Raegyn Tietsort, Hazel and Quentin Clock; Charlie and Conor McMullan. Rev. Graupner was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Louise, first wife Nancy, and sisters Dorothy Shefloe and Ruth Hahn. Visitation, limited to ten people at a time, will be held on Wednesday, August 19, at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A celebration of Rev. Graupner's life will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Muskegon, with visitation from 6:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Because of size limitations, reservations will be required to attend the service at church. Please call Trinity Lutheran Church at (231) 755-1292. The service will be filmed for Facebook Live through Trinity Lutheran Muskegon's Facebook account. In lieu of flowers,



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please consider memorials in Rev. Graupner's name for the following: Trinity Lutheran Church, West Shore Lutheran School, Spectrum Health Hospice, or International RETT Syndrome Association.



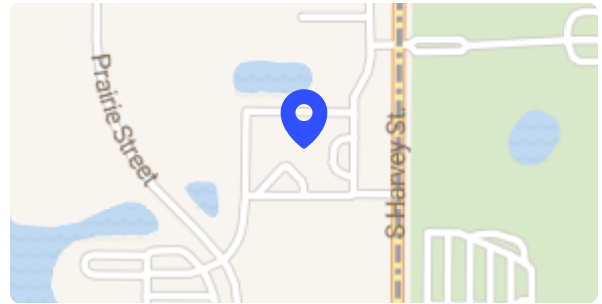
Visitation

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



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Thursday, August 20, 2020

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Trinity Lutheran Church

3225 Roosevelt Rd., Muskegon MI 49441



Celebration of Life

Thursday, August 20, 2020

7:00 PM ET

Trinity Lutheran Church

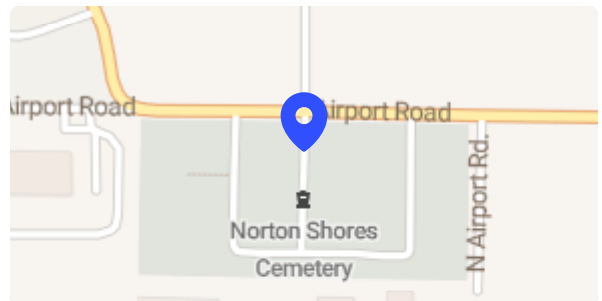
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Cemetery Details

Norton Cemetery

743-761 Airport Rd., Norton Shores MI 49441





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RV

Rhonda Vanderwest posted:

What a blessing Herb and Jean were to my Dad, Chuck Richards, when he lived at American House. Dad really enjoyed eating with him, talking with him, and discussing spiritual things with him. He often told me what a kind, bright, and enjoyable man he was. Even though you were officially retired from pastoral ministry, thank you both for sharing God's love and ministering to him and our whole family in a special, God-ordained way! We are praying for you Jean, and rejoice with the promise of Heaven for Herb!!

May 1 at 7:12 PM

LT

Linda Tobias posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with you, Jeannie. I will always cherish the experience of knowing Pastor....his deep faith, his amazing ability to explain that faith, his unfailing compassion, and his wonderful sense of humor...how wonderful of God to have let us have him for so long! Linda Tobias, Newberry Fl.

May 1 at 8:48 AM

EG

Ellen Grimm posted:

Thinking of Rev. Graupner's family with love. Prayers for you all during this time. Bryan and Ellen Grimm

April 30 at 5:01 AM

NB

Nancy Boxer posted:

Pastor Graupner married my husband and me on November 18, 1967. We went through marriage classes with him. He baptized all of my children. He will be greatly missed. Condolences to the family. 🙏

April 29 at 11:44 PM



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EF

Esther Hutchison Funkhouser posted:

Rev. Graupner was our Pastor during the time we lived in Muskegon and I am saddened to hear of his passing. My late husband Charles "Chuck" Hutchison and I were married by him in 1965. Later, when Chuck and I were called to join Lutheran Bible Translators and work in Liberia, West Africa during the 70ies he was a tremendous help to us. From the very beginning he was keenly interested in the work of Bible Translation and Literacy. He, together with the Trinity congregation and the Muskegon Circuit, saw to it that we had the necessary financial support for our mission; he also helped in many practical matters and in the ongoing prayer support. He played a vital role to our family during the time we were abroad and also later during Chuck's illness and death. We are forever thankful for all he did. It was always good to meet him again on my visits to my daughters in Muskegon and to meet his wife Jeannie. My sincere condolences go out to the whole family at this time. Rev. Graupner served his God with dedication and faithfulness and never lost his sense of humor. May he rest in peace. Esther Hutchison Funkhouser, Bern, Switzerland

April 29 at 5:17 AM

GG

Greg And Cheryl Gerrans lit a candle in honor of Herbert.



April 29 at 3:22 AM

DA

Dave And Pat posted:

Jeannie, our condolences to you and the entire family. He will be missed! Sending our love. Dave & Pat Wiesenauer

April 28 at 1:06 PM

CT

Cynthia Bates Twining posted:

Jeannie, Elizabeth & Ann Marie, our sympathies to you all at this time. I always appreciated Pastor Graupner's caring attitude. Clark loved the traveling they did to Germany & really enjoyed Pastor's wit & intelligence. God send you His peace and comfort. With great affection, Cynthia Bates Twining

April 27 at 8:50 PM



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BK

Brad King posted:

Dear Elizabeth. I am sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Prayers to you and your family. I enjoyed working with your Dad when I was in funeral service.

April 27 at 7:47 PM

BH

Beth Hislop posted:

Elizabeth, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Sending love and hugs to you and the family.

April 27 at 4:10 PM

RM

Ron Micka posted:

Jeannie, Elizabeth, Anne Marie, Sincere condolence on the loss of your husband and father. May God be your comfort at this time. We were the last couple that Pastor Graupner married in the old church on Bourdon Street in 1971. Ron & Bonnie Micka

April 27 at 4:09 PM

PH

Peter Hoft posted:

Pastor Graupner was a huge blessing to my family. He was my Dad's vicarage supervisor. He and Nancy were also my godparents. Thanks be to God for his life and ministry!

April 27 at 2:58 PM

CB

Carol Brandel posted:

Elizabeth, I so sorry to you and your family for your loss.I so enjoyed the two trips I took with your parents and the experiences I had.Carol Brandel``

April 27 at 2:58 PM

MM

Mel Magner posted:

Dear Jeannie, May God Bless you and comfort you during this time. I'd like to Thank You for the role that you both played in getting me onto the Thrivent "Singles seeking" site that ultimately let me to my beautiful Wife, Jenny. God Bless! Mel Magner

April 27 at 1:58 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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