



Rev. James Erwin Meimerstorf

December 29, 1949 - November 17, 2013

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Rev. James Erwin Meimerstorf, 63, of Bartlesville, died at 8:20 P.M. on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville.

Memorial services for Rev. Meimerstorf will be held at 10 A.M. on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the St. Luke's Episcopal Church with Rev. Dr. T. Lee Stephens officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

The Meimerstorf family will receive guests at a reception on Friday evening from 6 PM until 7 P.M. at the Stumpff Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established and those who wish may send their contributions to the Oaks Indian Mission, ATTN: James E. Meimerstorf Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 130, Oaks, Oklahoma 74359.

Rev. Meimerstorf was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas on December 29, 1949 the son of Louis Erwin and Anna Georgine (Hennig) Meimerstorf. He grew up and received his education in Fort Smith where he graduated from high school in 1967. He then attended St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas, Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana and the Concordia Seminary in Exile at St. Louis, Missouri.

He was married to the former Sheryl Ann Moberly at Grove, Oklahoma on June 3, 1979. He served as the editor of the Grove Sun Newspaper and was also pastor of a Lutheran church there. In 1990 he became Pastor of the Faith

Lutheran Church in DeQueen, Arkansas until 1994. He served as Pastor of the Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bartlesville from 1994 until 2010. Since that time he has served as an interim pastor, mostly in Ponca City and was also active as a bus driver for the Bartlesville Schools. He loved photography, loved to tie flys and fly fish, woodworking and leather working.

Rev. Meimerstorf is survived by four children, Jennifer Jean Meimerstorf of Oakland, California, Matthew Louis Meimerstorf of Oklahoma City, Mark James Meimerstorf of Missoula, Montana and Elizabeth Ann Meimerstorf of Bartlesville, one sister, Carol Meimerstorf of Lowell, Arkansas, one brother, Mickey Meimerstorf and wife Pam of Tulsa, a brother-in-law, David Polnick of Abilene, Texas, an uncle, James Hennig of Cape Girardeau, Missouri and an aunt, Mildred Burgess of Little Rock, Arkansas, five nieces and nephews, Benjie and Kimberly Polnick, Julie and Casey Wilson, Erin and Jackson Coco, Lindsey and Nick Jones and Heather and Drew Wilkerson, and two great nephews, Creighton Polnick and Griffin Polnick. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mary Ann Polnick.

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Tribute Wall

TM

“ Jim was my boss, my pastor and my friend - not necessarily in that order. When I got out of college and moved to Oklahoma because my future wife to be was going to medical school in Tulsa, Jim hired me as a news reporter at the Grove Sun Newspaper.

I later was looking for a Lutheran Church, which is my faith, and was surprised he was the pastor there. I was beginning to think if I went to a convenience store, he would be working there as well! LOL.

The members at Faith Lutheran were meeting at a Funeral Home at the time. It wasn't my favorite place to worship but I stuck with it because of Jim. I got to know his family well during his years there. Jennifer was about 5 and Mark was very little. This was in 1989 and 1990.

Jim was a great guy. I tried to get him a Christmas Card every year just to make sure he knew I was still out there. I'll always remember his unique sense of humor and that laugh of his. He also preached a great sermon. He wasn't a bad writer either.

Tracy Lee McCue - January 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ To Jim's family. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was such a cool person to talk to and a really great guy. I worked with him at the Bus Barn. He was so mellow. He gave me my Obama bumper sticker. May he Rest in Peace. He will be missed

Carolyn Hernandez - November 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Meimerstorf family at this most difficult time.*

How I loved to visit our favorite cousins in Fort Smith. I have so many wonderful memories of spending time with Jimmy. He always was fun to be with! It was so wonderful that you came and preached at my father's 80th birthday celebration and we were all able to reconnect.

May God hold the Meimerstorf family in his hand and give comfort each day, knowing that we all one day will be reunited in God's glory!

Norma Breiding - November 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Jimmy was a classmate of mine...beginning in kindergarten at First Lutheran. He was the first boy I went to a movie with. His parents dropped us off and picked us up. I thought a lot of him and his wonderful family. He will be missed, but what a wonderful Christmas he will have!!*

Sally Schaap Coleman - November 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of cousin Jimmy and the times we spent in Ft. Smith with our favorite cousins. I'm glad we had a chance to reconnect at my dad's 80th birthday and then stay in touch. As Christians we are promised an eternity with our loved ones where there will be no more tears. I look forward to that day where we will be with those who have gone before us. My condolences to the family. I pray that God draws near to you and comforts you as He promises us in His Word.*

Linda Schwartz - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Although I only met Jim once, that visit and the words from Jim Hennig and family members spoke volumes to me. May God bless you and comfort all who loved and respected you.

Raymond Schwartz - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I am soo sooo sorry I am here for the family please let me know if you need anything at all I love you guys, my number is 918-907-0085

Margie "Johnston" Deason - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Jim made a difference in the lives of many students while he was employed at Tri County Tech. He was very caring and worried about the students and their well-being. I was fortunate enough to get to know him when he was an aide in Graphic Communications. He was truly interested in the students and was always positive and encouraging. I was blessed to have known him!

Susan Peterson - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I WORKED WITH JAMES AT BARTLESVILLE SCHOOLS BUS BARN.WE WILL MISS HIM ALOT. HE WOULD MAKE A JOKE JUST TO SEE PEOPLE SMILE. I NEVER SEEN HIM SAD HE MADE ALL OF US FEEL LIKE FAMILY. MAY GOD HELP HIS FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF NEED.

DEAN HIX - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *The reverend was an excellent Boy Scout leader in Dequeen, Ar. Matthew and Ronald Walker were in the same fifth grade class. They competed to be the outstanding academic boy in the class. Once Matthew moved, my son Ronald had no competition.*

*Sorry to hear of your loss.
Louise Walker*

Louise Walker - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Jim has been a great soccer coach for my 2 sons . He was caring and has such a big heart.*

Martine Baillargeon - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *As a friend and schoolmate from the earlier days in Fort Smith, I would like to extend my condolences to the family. I have many fond memories growing up with Jim. Peace, and may God provide comfort.*

Kurt A Griesse - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *I'm sorry to learn of James passing on. We were in the same class at both First Lutheran School and Northside High School. We'll see each other again in the future.*

Jay Daves - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ We were in Ramsey Junior High and Northside High School together. Such a nice man! I was impressed that he became a pastor, but not surprised. I hope the good memories give you comfort.

Margo Kelsey Roberts - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ God Bless NorthSide Band member class of '67

James Hendrix - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I want express my condolences to family and friends, I know he will be missed by many.

Jim was a friend and classmate at Northside High School.

David Albertson

David V Albertson - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ James had such an amazing smile! He was a true servant of God and will be missed by all who knew him. May the peace of God be with his family during this time of loss and grief.

Sharon Griffin Squire - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ My deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of my former classmate of "67" and a wonderful man.

Terri Heavener - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Sorry for your loss, he was a good friend in school

Danny Mooney - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ It was so sad today to read of Jim's passing. Not only were we classmates (Northside,'67) but bandmates as well, adding an "extra special layer" to our friendship! He was such a great guy and I know the void his loss will leave in the hearts and lives of his family and many friends. Yet, I do know too, that we shall meet again and what comfort that brings during this difficult time! My thoughts and prayers to you and yours.

Dixie E.Geren - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Jim was a classmate and fellow band member at Northside High School in Fort Smith. We are so sorry to hear of his passing and extend our sympathies to all of the family.

Ron and Linda Brammer - November 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. He coached my girls in soccer their last seasons on the rec team. He always asked how they were doing if I saw him out anywhere.

Linda Hays - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Pastor Jim gave his all to our congregation and will be greatly missed. May God grant you peace during this difficult time

Nancy Heck - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ *Pastor Meimerstorf led worship a number of times at Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater. My only regret is that I could not be there -- because he was supplying for me, of course! The congregation appreciated his sermons, kindness, and especially his willingness to 'go with the flow' of whatever we handed him. Rest eternal grant him, Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.*

Rev. Sally Houck - November 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My deepest sympathy for the family of our wonderful pastor. We thought so much of your dad, he was a wonderful man and minister. He will truly be miss.*

Carolyn Chanslor - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *For my self and for the people at Prince of peace Lutheran Church pastor Jim a great inspiration to all of us and will be greatly missed as the president of the congregation let me know if there is anything we can do to help Liz. God bless you and your family .My the peace of our Lord Jeaus Christ be with you all .*

Michael Evans - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *We wil miss Pastor Jim. You and Your family are in our thoughts And prayers.*

Clayton and Joyce Gillock - November 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM