



Byron Hosmer

February 28, 1931 - January 30, 2013

Byron Hosmer, devoted husband, father and grandfather passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at Munson Medical Center.

Byron was born on February 28, 1931 to the late Walter Hosmer and Leah (Corbin) Coffee. He graduated with a BA in religion - philosophy from Upland College, Upland, CA. He also received a MSW from Michigan State University in psychiatric Social Work and was a member of the National Association of Certified Social Workers. In 1991, Byron received a Masters of Pastoral Studies from Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. He completed the Certificate of Spiritual Formation from the Academy of Spiritual Formation, Nashville, TN, and the Certificate of Spiritual Direction from the Columbiere Center for Spirituality, Clarkston, MI.

Byron's 42 year career as a clinical social worker concluded with an association with Gerholtz Counseling Center, of the First Presbyterian Church in Flint, MI. His work there included a unique service of spiritual counseling for pastors in the area. He was a member of the Board of Administration for the East Michigan Conference of the Free Methodist Church. He also volunteered as a spiritual counselor for the ministers in the conference. He was a contributing author of Homilies for the Liturgical Commission Publishing of Lansing, MI. He authored the Prayer for the Hours Guide for the Free Methodist Church, North America general conference in 2003.

Byron was a life long learner and loved to participate in lively discussions of religion and current events. He enjoyed automobiles, especially English sport cars; traveling in a motor home with his family and boating. He was also a private pilot.

In addition to his loving wife of 56 years, Georgina, Byron is survived by his children, Allyson (Todd) Penwell, Karen (Brett Wery) Hosmer, a granddaughter Krystyana Penwell and a sister, Joyce Turner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Leah as well as a brother, Brent

Hosmer.

A Memorial Service honoring Byron will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Central United Methodist Church, 222 Cass, Traverse City, MI 49684. Friends are welcome to visit with Byron's family at the church on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Central United Methodist Church, 222 Cass St., Traverse City, MI, 49684.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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FEB **Memorial Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Friends - I am sorry for this belated message. I have just learned of Byron's passing. I am very sad that he is no longer in this world. He was one of my all time favorite learners; I always learned more from him than he did from me! He was much beloved in our classes. When his hand went up, we know wisdom would follow. He was a good and gentle soul and I will truly miss him. Rabbi Chava Bahle (NMC Extended Ed instructor)

Rabbi Chava Bahle - February 19, 2013 at 12:12 PM



“ I just learned today from Dad (Garth Corbin) and Uncle Lowell of Byron's passing and I just wanted to express my condolences. I enjoyed what brief conversations we were able to have at our always too busy family reunions and a little longer conversation after Grandma Jennie's memorial service. I was always impressed with Byron and the way he lived out God's call in his life, especially the heart he had for those in full time ministry. May God truly give your whole family comfort. Love,
Cousin Ivan Corbin

Ivan Corbin - February 16, 2013 at 05:34 PM



“ Georgina, Our hearts are very much with you in the passing of dear Byron. It came so quickly and we will feel the loss for a long time to come. He and Don had such good Wednesday evenings together, enjoying their cups of tea and conversation in the church lounge while you and I rehearsed with choir. He would smile when I came bouncing around for the choir fellowship nights, fully expecting help with the punch bowl or other tasks So much of Byron's past achievements and extensive talents and education were not known by us until his passing. It was that charm and warmth and I'm-right-here-with-you personality that formed the friendship, and that's the best kind. This is a great loss for you and your dear family, please know you are each one very much in our hearts and prayers, with love.
Elsie & Don Randall

Elsie Randall - February 11, 2013 at 03:11 PM



“ As my counselor, Byron spent many years helping me through a very dark place. After a period of time he began to interject bits of humor here and there, which in itself was a form of therapy for me. I remember a day when I was sitting in his office and I heard a noise coming from outside. It was far enough away that I couldn't identify it, but close enough that it was quite loud. I asked him what it was. He said, "What noise?" I told him, "You know what noise I am talking about." With a concerned look on his face he gently asked, "Kim, are you starting to hear strange things?" I immediately stood up and walked to the window. Down below, two men with jack hammers were tearing out the old parking lot next door. I turned back to him with a glare and there he sat with a mischievous grin on his face. He had probably been listening to it off and on all morning.

May God bless you with many precious memories until you are with Byron again.

Kim

Kim Wright - February 06, 2013 at 03:05 PM



“ Dear Hosmer Family,
I am sorry to read of your loss. When a loved one dies we can turn to Jehovah God for comfort and hope through his word the Bible. At Acts 24:15 it says "I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection." The resurrection hope is when our loved ones will be awakened from death and then we will be reunited with them. Can you imagine this happy reunion? We no doubt want this time to come soon and it is! We can be confident that this will happen because Jehovah God has said it! I hope this thought helps you cope.

Samantha - February 06, 2013 at 10:15 AM