



Rev. David Alan Mann

August 5, 1934 - September 21, 2018

David Alan Mann, 84, of Traverse City, passed away on Friday, September 21, 2018.

He was born on August 5, 1934 in Detroit to Elwood and Hilda (Hosbach) Mann. on March 2, 1957 at Hope Lutheran Church in Detroit, he married Carolyn Mae Busse who survives.

After graduation from the Detroit Business Institute, David was a cost accountant at General Motors and then served in the United States Army from 1957-1959. In 1968 David completed preparations for the Gospel ministry at Wittenberg University and Hamma School of Theology. As a pastor, her served Lutheran congregation in Dearborn, Norton Shores and Jackson.

David had a variety of interests and thoroughly enjoyed playing softball, golf and bowling. His gardens yielded volumes of vegetables which he shared with neighbors and friends. The family enjoyed his homemade jam, soup, and cookies. Being with people put a gleam in his eye, so he rarely refused a visit or a gathering at church or with family. Travel was a favorite pastime and he enjoyed visiting 48 states. Christmas was always a highlight of the year and decorating the tree was an event for him.

Retirement in 1999 included part time service in area Lutheran churches, leading Sunday worship services when needed or working with stewardship programs.

In addition to his wife of 61 years, David is survived by his daughters, Christine (Thomas) Mann-Munger, Julie (Thomas) Morin and four grandchildren: Maya Morin, Owen Munger, Zachary Morin and Liliana Munger. In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by two brothers, Newell and Merwin.

The family is grateful to the staff at MediLodge of GTC who provided compassionate care for David during his last days.

A memorial service will be held at 3 PM Saturday, September 29 at Bethlehem Lutheran

Church, 1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Pastor Paul Busekist will officiate and interment will be in the Church Prayer Garden. Rather than flowers, the family would sincerely appreciate memorial contributions in David's memory be directed to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sustaining Endowment Fund.

Cemetery

Events

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Memorial Garden

1050 Peninsula Drive
Traverse City, MI, 49686

SEP 29 Visitation 02:00PM - 03:00PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI,
US, 49686

SEP 29 Memorial Service 03:00PM

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Comments



“ Carolyn,
My mother died within a few days of Dave, so I am just catching up with your loss. I simply wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed and appreciated him. A highlight of every synod assembly was visiting with him. I remember clearly the direct and gracious way he shared with me that he was having memory problems. I pray that the comfort he gave to so many in their time of grief will be the same comfort that comes to you.
Wally Taylor
Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Walter F. Taylor, Jr. - November 02, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Carolyn and family,
I will always remember Pastor's cheerful greeting and warm handshake from his time at Immanuel here in Jackson. Sincere condolences and Peace and Love to you all.
Audrey Woods

Audrey Woods - October 01, 2018 at 05:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. David Alan Mann.



September 28, 2018 at 07:54 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you, Carolyn, Christine and Julie. We so much enjoyed the gentle teasing that went on between you and David over the years, Carolyn. We will never forget when David drove thirty miles to our farm to comfort Harry on the loss of his parents. We know the last few years have been very, very hard for all of you, but a loving family can get through enormous challenges. We wish you peace and tranquility now, and joyful memories. Love, Liz and Harry

Liz O'Hara and Harry Ruth - September 27, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rev. David Alan Mann.



September 27, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Mann, Julie and Christine - I know the recent past has been tough seeing your sharp David/Dad slip away a bit. But I hope that now you can focus on your memories of him being the great man he was. He had such a positive impact on so many lives including yours. May he find a new pulpit in heaven. My prayers are with you all. -Barb Swanson

Barb Swanson - September 26, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ Dave and his family spent many wonderful vacations at Wanderers' Rest Resort on Little Glen Lake. As owners we delighted in their visit, and other renters became lifelong friends. Dave loved his beach fires, and getting his fishing boat in the water was always an adventure. Dave's eternally cheerful and positive attitude was always appreciated, especially during power outages which required him to make coffee over a camp fire... which he did successfully. I send my heartfelt condolences to his family, but hope that happy memories will sustain them in this difficult time. Wishing you all the best, I remain.

Sincerely, Mary Frixen

Mary F. Frixen - September 25, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ Dave was a dedicated servant of Christ. It was a privilege to be a colleague of his when we were both serving as pastors in Jackson. I especially enjoyed our golf outings. We pray that the Lord will comfort and strengthen you, Carolyn, in the days ahead.

Len Dahlgren

Leonard Dahlgren - September 25, 2018 at 08:31 AM



“ I have such fond memories of Pastor Mann. He was pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Jackson, MI when I first came to try out their church. He was so kind, welcoming, and encouraging. My most sincere condolences to his entire family; wishing your many wonderful memories will bring you comfort and peace.
Nancy Buchanan
Jackson, MI

Nancy Buchanan - September 24, 2018 at 08:13 PM



“ We have wonderful memories of our ministerial years in Muskegon. Our families shared many wonderful times together. We send our thoughts and prayers to your family.
Jan Glick and family.

Janet Glick - September 24, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Dear family,
We're so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a great man and you all were wonderful neighbors at home and at Little Glen.

Jean and Paul Wishka

Jean Wishka - September 24, 2018 at 10:29 AM