



Rev. Dr. John E. Cermak

January 4, 1934 - August 8, 2017

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NORTHPORT – Rev. Dr. John E. Cermak, age 83, passed away Tuesday, August 8, 2017. John was born to John W. and Frances E. (Middleton) Cermak on January 4, 1934 in Northport, MI. John graduated from Bangor High School and soon went on to graduate from Albion College. John then pursued his eventual lifelong career as a minister by attending seminary school at Boston University's School of Theology. John went on to further his studies in seminary by receiving his Doctorate degree in 1976 from Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO.

John met his wife Adele L. Lent, of 63 years while they were both teenagers, and were married on November 21, 1953.

In 1958 John started out his years as a pastor and minister at the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Kalamazoo, MI. In 1966 John was then relocated to Okemos, MI where he was the minister at Okemos Community Church for 21 years. After serving in Okemos, John was relocated again to the First United Methodist Church in Jackson, MI for 7 years until his eventual retirement in 1994, where John and Adele moved to Northport, MI.

While in Northport, John was very active in the community, where he continued to assist with funerals and weddings and often was a guest minister at the Trinity United Church. John was an avid hunter, fisherman, and amateur hobby farmer. He loved working outside with his chainsaw and cutting up wood.

John is survived by his wife, Adele, sons; Douglas (Jane Pearce) Cermak, Onkema, MI, Daniel (Rhonda) Cermak, Parchment, MI, Matt (Kate) Cermak, Interlochen, MI, and his sister Mary Betzoldt, Adrian, MI. John is also survived by 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for John will take place at the Trinity United Church in Northport on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 11:00 am. The family asks that in lieu of flowers please direct memorial contributions to Sharecare of Leelanau Inc., 7401 E Duck Lake Rd, Lake Leelanau, MI 49653 or to the Trinity United Church, 103 N Warren St, Northport, MI 49670.

Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Trinity United Church of Christ

103 North Warren Street, Northport, MI, US, 49670

Comments



“ My grandpa and I share many memories. Some of them include all the times he would pick me up and put me on his lap when I was a kid so that he could read stories out of my favorite "Big Book", my favorite being about some dude named Harold drawing all over the city with his special purple crayon. I made him read me that story every time my parents would take me up to Northport. My favorite memory with grandpa though, would be when we were at the cabin cutting and stacking wood and I found one of the metal washers on the ground and he took it out of my little fingers and he put it on my ring finger and said "someday you're going to find a man that buys you a real ring and treats you like the special girl you are" and at that time I was maybe 7 or 8 years old so I didn't understand. I just knew it meant something special. Now I'm 17 and looking back at that memory, and I can only hope that I find that special guy grandpa was talking about.

Delaney Cermak - January 29, 2018 at 02:27 AM



“ My two best New Year's Eves were spent in the garage at the cabin. And my favorite implement was John's Kubota. Very fond memories of our times spent with John and Adele. Doug, Dan, Matt and their families: Remember the good times! Love, Gail

Gail Whiting - August 11, 2017 at 12:39 AM



“ John was a wonderful and inspirational leader of our church family. I am forever grateful for briefly being accepted back into my former church community, on the occasion of my wedding, of which he officiated, 36 years ago. My deepest condolences to his family.
Elaine (Johnson) Putvin

Elaine Johnson Putvin - August 10, 2017 at 02:06 PM



“ Dear Family, Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. During this most difficult time of mourning and grieving your loss may you be comforted beyond measure as you read God's Word the Bible. The time will soon come when death will be no more. (Isaiah 25:8) By means of a resurrection to life many who have died will live again. (Acts 9:36-41) May you have the utmost confidence in all that God promises. (Titus 1:2)

T. Bartholomew - August 10, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ To Matt and the family,
May God continue to bless and keep you in your time of grief. Cling to the Lord and He will comfort you through the process of grieving and, in the future, will replace your sorrow with great, unending joy.

Sincerely,
Pamela Ervin

Pamela Ervin - August 10, 2017 at 09:59 AM