



Rev. Otto Dorsch

January 20, 1934 - September 13, 2010

Rev. Otto E. Dorsch, 76, of Zanesville, died at 6:24 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2010, at his residence. Rev. Dorsch was born in Mishawaka on Jan. 20, 1934, to Freidrich G. and Bertha (Muthreich) Dorsch. He obtained a BA degree from Valparaiso University in 1959 and his Masters of Divinity from Hamma School of Theology in Springfield, Ohio. He was ordained into the ministry of the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church in 1962. He served at Zion and Fair Haven Churches at Mulberry, Grace and Augustana Lutheran Churches in Sheyenne, N.D. The American Lutheran Church in Webster, S.D., Redeemer Lutheran Church in Somerset, Ky. and Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland. He also served as a chaplain at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne and at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wells County from 1988 to 2004. He was also an interim pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Bluffton. Surviving relatives include two daughters, Barbara Dorsch of New Haven and Christine "Chris" Gruber of Houston, Texas; one son, Kevin (Julie) Dorsch of Ohio City, Ohio; his very special companion, Edna Krider of Fort Wayne; one brother, Henry F. Dorsch; one sister, Gertrude Waschkies; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Richard Vonesh officiating. Burial is at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Lutheran Social Services of Indiana.

Online condolences: www.thomarich.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

SEP 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Marion National Cemetery
1700 East 38th Street
Marion, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Otto Dorsch*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rev. Otto Dorsch*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pastor Dorsch made a real difference in my life at Sheyenne, North Dakota. He not only steered me to Concordia College but also allowed me to conduct church services while he was on vacation. He was very special to me.*

L. Gary Anderson - December 04, 2017 at 09:28 PM



“ *Christy and I were best friends in elementary school in Webster, SD and although we lost track of each other after she moved away, I thought of her and her family often. It saddened me to hear of her dad's passing and I just wanted to let the family know that my sympathies and prayers are with them.##imported-begin##Pamela Zubke (DeJong)##imported-end##*

September 19, 2010 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Barbara, Christie, Kevin, and all loved ones of Pastor Dorsch, You are all in my thoughts and prayers during your loss. There are many good memories of Pastor and your family. We are thankful for having him as our fine pastor at American Lutheran in Webster.
Sincerely,
Nyla Amundson##imported-begin##Nyla Amundson##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 01:01 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Barbara, Chris, Kevin and your families. I pray God's love and mercy comfort you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Gloria (Solsaa) Bechel##imported-end##

September 18, 2010 at 11:14 AM



“ Otto will be missed greatly around our neighborhood. I will miss our conversations, whether about computers, about our mutual love for North Dakota, or about the nature of God. I will miss having him around to swap books with, and my kids will miss his generosity as he knelt low and helped air up their bicycle tires . . . always with a smile on his face.

It was an honor to know Otto. We could never have had a better neighbor and friend. Our thoughts are will the family and friends during this difficult time . . . ##imported-begin##Brian & Garsy Thomas and family##imported-end##

September 17, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ Kevin and Julie,
We are very sorry for your loss. Otto spent a good deal of time with us and we will miss him very much. My children, Kaitlyn and Julian were very upset when they heard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Valerie Magana##imported-end##

September 16, 2010 at 11:41 AM



“ To Family and Friends,
You have my deepest sympathy. I enjoyed seeing Otto this past August at St. Paul's. He shared the history of the congregation with me with great joy. He was a fine pastor and I am grateful to God for his ministry. May resurrection victory give each of you hope and comfort in this time of loss.

Barry and Kay Huntteman##imported-begin##Barry
Huntteman##imported-end##

September 16, 2010 at 05:05 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.##imported-begin##Roland and Sally New##imported-end##

September 15, 2010 at 04:49 PM