



Ernest Marvin Caltvedt

February 5, 1933 - October 9, 2023

Rev. Ernest "Pastor Ernie" Marvin Caltvedt, age 90, passed away in his sleep October 9, 2023 at Minnehaha Senior Living in Minneapolis. He was born in rural Story County, Iowa, to Martin and Bernice Caltvedt, the second of five children. As the oldest boy, he was driving a tractor as soon as his feet could touch the pedals. After graduating from McCallsburg Consolidated School, he attended Waldorf College (AA), Iowa State College (BS in Farm Operation), and Luther Seminary (MDiv), receiving ordination in 1961. Before entering seminary, he worked for two years as the Jasper County (IA) 4-H agent. He married Eloise (Kylander) in Mora, MN in 1962. During his career as an ELCA Lutheran pastor, he served in Hong Kong; Taiwan; Northome, MN; Washington, IA and Sioux City, IA. In retirement, he served several churches in Northwest and Central Iowa as interim pastor and part-time as priest at Calvary Episcopal in Sioux City. He also taught ELL at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City. He moved to Ames to care for his mother until her death. He then moved to 7500 York Cooperative in Edina where he was very busy with many activities and committees and started a compost system for their gardens.

Ernie was a passionate life-long learner, chorister, and gardener. He was very proficient in Norwegian and Mandarin Chinese. He also did much genealogical research on both sides of his family. He could talk to anybody, and his life was one of serving others.

Ernest is preceded in death by his parents, wife of 38 years, and sister Virgetta Johnson-Smith. He is survived by his daughter Siri, sisters Betty Page and Elaine (Michael) Hanson, brother Lester (Sarah), and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service at Christ Church Lutheran on Friday, October 20, at 2PM with visitation starting at 1PM. Internment at Graceland Park Cemetery in Sioux City on a future date. Memorials can be made to Voices of Hope* or The Lift Garage. (612) 781-1999

*In order to be tax-deductible, checks for Voices of Hope should be payable to Springboard for the Arts with Voices of Hope in the memo line.

Memorial service Friday, November 3, at 11:00AM at United Lutheran Church (315 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA) and internment at Graceland Park Cemetery (2701 S. Lakeport St., Sioux City, IA) at 1:00PM the same day.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Christ Church Lutheran
3244 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Church Service

OCT 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Christ Church Lutheran
3244 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Memorial Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
315 Hamilton Blvd
Sioux City, IA 51103

Graveside Service

NOV 3. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Graceland Park Cemetery
2701 S. Lakeport Street
Sioux City, IA 51106

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I knew Ernie as a little girl riding the school bus. He would share the seat with me and teach me little fun songs. He was a classmate of my Aunt Joanne also. Ernie was a kind, fun man. He and his sister, Betty, were older than the younger two, Lester and Virginia. A super family in my memory!
Anita

Anita Hanson - October 20, 2023 at 03:28 PM

JR

“ Jim and Karen Richardson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.



Jim and Karen Richardson - October 19, 2023 at 02:24 PM

JR

“ Jim and Karen Richardson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.

Jim and Karen Richardson - October 19, 2023 at 02:24 PM

MD

“ Mary & Peter Markus & Marilyn Dorland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.

Mary & Peter Markus & Marilyn Dorland - October 18, 2023 at 07:05 PM

PO

“ In June of 1992, Pastor Caltvedt interviewed me for the position of secretary at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sioux City. When I was told the church had just purchased a computer, I told him, "I'm not sure you want me here as I know nothing about a computer." He responded, "I really don't see that as a problem." So, I accepted the position and appreciated his patience and competence as we learned how to use the computer.

My husband, Glenn, and I send our deepest sympathy to you, Siri.

Pat Olson

Patricia Olson - October 18, 2023 at 04:14 PM

DA

“ Ernest was a great friend and minister for me! Condolences to Siri and all of his family!

Donna (Bohlen) Andreessen - October 17, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.

October 17, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.



October 16, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ernest Marvin Caltvedt.

October 16, 2023 at 04:58 PM