



Rev. Dr. Guy D. Warke

August 3, 1935 - March 11, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Guy D. Warke, 86, of Bourbonnais, was called home to be with his Lord on Friday, March 11, 2022. He died suddenly but peacefully at home with his wife, Helen, at his side.

He was born August 3, 1935, to Lawrence and Violet Warke in Detroit, Michigan, who preceded him in death. He attended Outer Drive Faith Lutheran Church in Detroit and credits a wonderful Sunday School teacher with building his faith. After his confirmation as a teenager, the Holy Spirit called him into the ministry. He attended St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas for two years before entering Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, graduating in 1961.

In the summer of 1958, he was a supply pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Rialto, California. From August 1959 to July 1960, he served his vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he met Helen Jarosch, whom he married in June of 1961. In July of 1961, he was ordained and installed at his first parish at Grace Lutheran Church in Bradford, Pennsylvania. From 1964-1973 he served North Park Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York. In 1973 he was called to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bradley, Illinois. From 1980-1990 he was a night chaplain at Riverside Hospital.

He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Graduate Theological Foundation of Notre Dame in 1986 and was listed in *Who's Who in Religion* 4th Edition (1992-1993). On August 31, 2000, he retired from active ministry

after serving Our Savior, Bradley for twenty-seven years.

Surviving are Helen, his wife of 60 years; three children: two daughters, Kathleen (Kurt) Stefans of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Amy (Roger) Gundersen of Concord, North Carolina; one son, Christopher (Amy) Warke of Bolingbrook, Illinois; seven grandchildren, Major Erik (Kara) Gundersen of Bellevue, Nebraska, Karin (Tom) Cranmer of Joliet, Illinois, Kyla Stefans of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Dr. Katie Gundersen of Knoxville, Tennessee, Karl Stefans of Valparaiso, Indiana, Collin (Nikki) Warke of Portage, Indiana, Abbey Warke of Bolingbrook, Illinois; and two great-grandchildren, Brennan and Evan Gundersen.

Visitation will be 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2022 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Visitation will be held 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the church.

Entombment will follow at All Saints Mausoleum in Bourbonnais.

Pastor Guy's strong faith was a testimony to many, and he touched many lives. Memorials may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bradley, Grace Lutheran Church in Wilmington, Illinois, or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

MAR 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran
975 W. Brookmont Blvd
Bradley, IL 60915

Funeral Service

MAR 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
975 W. Brookmont Blvd.
Bradley, IL 60915
(815) 932-1848

Tribute Wall

JH

“ While growing up Pastor would come over to our house often just to sit and talk and have coffee with mom and dad. He would also join us for breakfast at Little Corporal on Sunday after first service. We all enjoyed that. Our thoughts go out to the entire family.
Jon Hinkleman & family

Jon Hinkleman - March 19, 2022 at 02:32 PM

PS

“ Pastor Warke confirmed me and both my brothers. I have many fond memories of being at the Warke home as Kathy, Amy and I were good friends. I remember Mrs. Warke making eierkuchen (a german pancake) for us when I had spent the night there (probably doing our confirmation homework!) and it was the most delicious thing I had ever tasted. I remember Pastor coming to my parent's house just to check in on them. He was a very caring man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you- Helen, Kathy and family; Amy and Family and Chris and family.
*Much love,
Penny (Hinkleman) and Rick Stoewsand*

Penny Stoewsand - March 18, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - March 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM

BE

“ *Dear, Mrs. Warke-*
I was not blessed enough to meet Mr. Warke but I was blessed to have you as an English teacher. I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your husband.
What a reunion with the Lord he has been blessed with!
God bless you as you wait for that same reunion!
Love-Beth Griffith Schafer ❤️🙏

Beth - March 16, 2022 at 04:13 PM

SZ

“ *We will always remember Uncle Guy as the loving husband of our Aunt Helen and as a wonderful family man who made us all laugh with his funny stories and accents. We will also remember him as the minister who married us. We know he will be missed by so many who loved him. Love from Susie, Jack, and Daisy Mae*

Susan L Zdanowski - March 15, 2022 at 04:02 PM

LM

“ Love Susie, Jack, and Daisy Mae purchased the Cheeseboard Gourmet Gift for the family of Rev. Dr. Guy D. Warke.



Love Susie, Jack, and Daisy Mae - March 15, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Guy D. Warke.



March 15, 2022 at 02:51 PM

JS

“ In 1978 I was the organist at his church. We introduced a new liturgy which has now become standard. Pastor Warke spent a lot of time with me and the choir to make this new liturgy "come alive". It was just in the form of a pamphlet. The church had just purchased a used pipe organ and I was the first organist to play it. I also had the privilege of having all three of his children in our school music program at the high school. I also remembered he wanted to preside over the wedding of one of his kids - I don't remember which one but I do remember he cried most of the time. What a wonderful person. He taught me so much.

James Stevens - March 15, 2022 at 02:47 PM

DM

“ *Pastor Warke was a real, kind and genuine person. He saw good in everyone and never judged. He had a great sense of humor. RIP*

Debbie Morrison - March 15, 2022 at 12:04 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Guy D. Warke.*



March 15, 2022 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ *Helen and family you have our deepest sympathy
Our prayers and thoughts are with you all
Know God will be by your side giving you the strength to help get through this hard time you and Pastor have 60 years of good memories
Jeanne and Roger Benjamin*



jeanne benjamin - March 15, 2022 at 01:53 AM