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Obituary of Rev. Joseph C. Lowery

Rader Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, Memory Park Cemetery, 2823 E. Marshall Ave, Longview, with Rev. Vic Willmann officiating. Memorial service 12:00 p.m., Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Broadway and Florey, Kilgore, with Rev. Ronald Schutz officiating. Honorary Pallbearers, David Smith, Joseph Smith, Adam Lowery, Matthew Smith, Carl Dolezal, S.Sgt. Jeffrey Gill, Danny Sampson, Carl Gardner, George A. Heil, Bob Abraham, Leland Dean, Barry Conway and J. D. Sampson. This earthly life is over. I am now with the Lord in His heavenly abode. He has wiped away all the tears, and has welcomed me with open arms. The journey began on March 26, 1926 as I was born to Jones and Alma Lowery near Huntington, Texas. I served in the U. S. Navy during World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific, including battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Married Sarah Jane Crockett on May 27, 1949, and bless with two loving children, Deborah Janice Lowery Smith and Alan Curtis Lowery. Called to faith and baptized into Jesus Christ on Thanksgiving Eve 1962. Answered the call to preach the Gospel, studied at University of Houston and Northeast Louisiana State University and graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Illinois then ordained into the pastoral ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on June 14, 1970 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Houston. Served congregations in Longview, Hereford, and Anderson, Texas, and Altus, Oklahoma. After medical retirement moved to White Oak. I am thankful to God for the excellent medical care since 1983 of Dr. Charles Newkirk and his nurses Linda Berryman and Suzanne. Served Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Kilgore as part-time Interim Pastor beginning in 1992. Departed this life with the Lord on September 4, 2009 at 11:15 p.m. Survived by wife Sarah, daughter Deborah and husband David Smith, son Alan Lowery and wife Donna, and grandchildren Sarah Smith Dolezal and husband Carl, Diana Lowery, Joseph Smith, Amber Lowery Watson, Adam Lowery, Ashlea Smith Gill and husband Jeffrey, Matthew Smith, and Courtnie Smith, and step-granddaughter Amber Lawhorn, 7 great-grandchildren, brother Gerald Lowery and his wife Shizuko, and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents and



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four brothers and two sisters. Jesus tells us: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." May the Holy Spirit bring you to believe and join me in the fullness of the presence of God when your earthly journey is over. Donations may be made to The Pilgrim Lutheran Church Building Fund.



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Courtnie Smith lit a candle in honor of Rev. Joseph.



April 28 at 11:42 AM



Courtnie Smith posted:

hey pawpaw!!i just wanted to stop by here and tell you that you are greatly missed everything you taught me as a child i still hold deep to my heart. you always told me to fight for the things i want most in life and love like no other. to never give up even when giving up seems like the right thing to do. i am strong because of you. you gave me tough skin to be able to go through anything that is thrown my way i will be forever grateful for everything you and nannie did for me. yall were my number one fans and i yours. i love you more then you will ever know and i hope you are looking down on smiling and saying thats my baby girl. i will forever be your little bear and wild flower i love you old man!!

April 28 at 11:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

i love you paw paw!##imported-begin##Courtnie Smith##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Paw Paw it will be two years this september when you departed from us to be with the Lord. Not a day goes by that i do not think of you and think about all the memories that we share. you are the greatest man that i know. you have always been there for me through the good and bad times. you were always there when i needed you the most and never let me down. you never missed a basketball game i played in or any school function i asked you to attend! you and nannie were my biggest fan! i miss standing at the door way of your office and listening to you practice your sermons, and me running and jumping in your lap wanting to be just like you. i had to have my coffee every morning just like you! i had to go where ever you went! i miss you greatly paw paw. like i told nannie that day you were up on a ladder and you knew you were not suppose to be up there, "i got him nannie i got him" paw-paw i still have you, no matter where i am or what i am doing i am right there still holding on to everything you taught me!! i love you with all my heart old man!!! love your wild flower##imported-begin##Courtnie Smith##imported-end##

June 1 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

The Abraham family wish to share our prayers and heartfelt condolences to the family of Reverend Lowery. My dad, Bob Abraham, specifically asked to share his prayers and thoughts for the family. What a blessing Rev. Lowery has been to so many. We are forever grateful for his kindness and assistance with mom and dad. Blessings and love, Pamela and the rest of the Abraham family.##imported-begin##Pamela Abraham Retoff##imported-end##

September 15 at 7:00 PM



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September 15 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our deepest sympathies are with the family and friends of Pastor Lowrey. He was one of the finest men we ever knew. He helped us when we first moved to Longview and was by my side when my mother had her first stroke. He will be sorely missed. He was greatly loved by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Susan Allen/Johanna Mann##imported-end##

September 11 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Psalm 73:26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. My thoughts and prayers are with all my family back home. As Paw Paw would always say when we hung up the phone and in person, "The Lord be with you."##imported-begin##Ashlea Gill##imported-end##

September 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Adam Lowery##imported-end##

September 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Diana Christine Lowery##imported-end##

September 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

This is Laurie...Dean's oldest daughter. Aunt Leatha called me today to relay the message of Uncle Joe's death. I am so sorry for your loss & know he will be greatly missed. Sorry I am unable to make the service, but know that you are all in my thoughts & prayers. Love, Laurie##imported-begin##Laurie Dunn Gabehart##imported-end##

September 7 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sarah, Alan, and Debbie, We are truly sorry for your loss. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Susan Lowery, Alfredo Cerda & Courtney Hunt##imported-end##

September 7 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Sarah & family even though we are in Colorado Springs, CO. our prayers are with you. Pastor always had a word of kindness and a lifting spirt whenever we met. He will surely be missed but we know he will stand at the right hand of the Lord. Wish we could be with you Wednesday. Your friends in Christ our Lord,##imported-begin##Ardith/Doug Coughlin##imported-end##

September 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What a blessing Uncle Joe was to our family, the congregations and communities in which he served. Both my maternal and paternal families share a strong Christian heritage and Uncle Joe set the example of selfless service to our Lord Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##JoAnne Walling##imported-end##

September 6 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Sarah and family, I share with you the assurance that you are in the prayers of whole Church, which your husband, father and grandfather served so faithfully and fully. Pastor Lowery has left all of us who serve as pastors in Christ's Church with an example that challenges all of us to follow. May the Lord grant you comfort and peace as you look forward to the blessed reunion which awaits all who trust in His, who is the Resurrection and the Life, Christ Jesus.##imported-begin##Rev. Vic Willmann##imported-end##

September 5 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Uncle Joe was one of the nicest people I was lucky enough to know. He was kind and always treated the nieces and nephews with tenderness. He was a blessing to everyone. He will be missed. I love you Aunt Sarah Jane and am thinking of you and the family.##imported-begin##Lorene "Sissy" Crockett Broussard##imported-end##

September 5 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Maxine Campbell##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rev. Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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