



## Rev. David Gordon Harms

November 11, 1936 - September 21, 2011

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Rev. Harms a retired Lutheran Pastor passed away this past Wednesday surrounded by his family after a two year struggle with cancer. David was born in Minneapolis, MN to Earnest and Alvina Harms. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He graduated from Washburn High School in 1954. He enlisted in the US Army in 1955 and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan in the Army Security Agency.

On May 30, 1958 he married Joan Stengel in Minneapolis. In September 1958 he entered Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, IL. He completed his studies there and at Valparaiso University in Indiana in 1963. He was first called to serve as Assistant Pastor at St. Paulos Lutheran Church in San Francisco, CA.

In 1965 he was called to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in the Cedar Mill area of northwest Portland. He remained there until his retirement in 1998. In ministry he served as Circuit Counselor and on the committee of Professional Church Workers for the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. In retirement he served other local parishes: Good Shepherd Lutheran in southwest Portland, Hope Lutheran in Woodburn, and Our Redeemer

Lutheran in Tigard.

He loved nature and the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping. He loved people and easily became friends with the smallest child to the elderly of the congregations he served in a genuine way. He loved his family and enjoyed planning several fun trips with all the children and grandchildren. David is survived by his wife Joan, three children and eight grandchildren: Jennifer Leung (Richard) of Eugene; Steve (Thereasa) of Wilsonville; Julie Gallagher (Kevin) of Olympia, WA; grandchildren Andrew and Stephen Leung; Nathan, Sarah and Emily Harms; Joshua, Jacob and Hannah Gallagher; his sister Gen Carlson of Bloomington, MN; two sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a private family service at Willamette National Cemetery. The memorial service will be held at Living Savior Lutheran Church 8740 SW Sagert Street, Tualatin, OR.

Memorial gifts may be given to any Lutheran Church of your choice, or to the Northwest District Office designated to the Professional Church Workers Fund (1700 NE Knott Street, Portland, OR 97212).

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." Jn. 11: 25 (English Standard Version)

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# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **29**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Living Savior Lutheran Church  
8740 Southwest Sagert Street  
Tualatin

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. David Gordon Harms*

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January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Joan and family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. We will always have fond  
thoughts of the time we spent with you when you came to Kansas.  
We have always been honored that Dave married us and you both  
shared that occasion with us. We are sending you our love. Wayne  
& Sharon*

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**Wayne & Sharon Parks** - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Oh, how I'll miss my Dad

*The comfort from his hugs and kisses.  
His beautiful blue eyes.  
The sound of his voice when he sang.  
His goofy sense of humor.  
His council and advice.  
His words of wisdom.  
His leadership, and the yellow backpack he carried to show the way.  
His passion for life, and his love for Gods creation.  
For His work ethic and those selfless acts of kindness.  
His trust in God, and his love for the Lord.*

*What a comfort to know that his struggles are over.  
No longer will he have to fight to breathe.  
He is in Gods glory, in the loving arms of Jesus.*

*Thank You Daddy for all you've been, and for you've given to me.  
I'll love you forever.  
Gods angels watch over You.*

*Your Boots*

*Proverbs 3:6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding*

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**Julie Gallagher** - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *It was such a pleasure meeting you and working with you while you served at Our Redeemer Lutheran. You will be greatly missed.*

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**Sandee (Gano) Waide** - September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You will never be forgotten.*

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**Thereasa Harms** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Harms are a very special family, the kind that you meet once in a lifetime. The wonderful people that are his children and grandchildren are a testament to the kind of man David Harms was. May he rest in peace and his family take comfort in the gifts he left behind.*

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**Banuelos Family** - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM