



Reverend Alvin Yates

February 20, 1943 - October 30, 2019

Reverend Alvin Yates, age 76 of Hamilton, faithful servant of God passed away Wednesday, October 30, 2019, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Eileen; his children: Angela Vandewarker (Jim), Andrew Yates (April), Anthony Yates, Justin Yates; grandchildren: Jessica Vandewarker, Joshua and Sarah Vandewarker, Jacob Yates, Austin Yates, Madison Yates, London Yates, Memphis Yates, Jackson Yates, Laura Yates and Katie Yates; great granddaughter Abby Yates; daughter-in-law Kristin Yates; sister and brother-in-law Virginia and George Lohman; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: John and Esther Coffey, Russ and Barb Coffey, Sherrill and Matt Miller, Judy and Jody Boyles and many nieces and nephews. Al served as assistant pastor at Lennon Wesleyan Church, Lennon, MI, Pastor at Lowell Wesleyan Church (now Impact Church), Lowell, MI, Butternut Wesleyan Church, Holland, MI and Grace Wesleyan Church in Hastings, MI from where he retired. Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 South State Street, Zeeland and on Monday from 9:45-10:45 a.m. with the service starting at 11 a.m. at Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church, 3562 136th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419. Interment will be in Salem Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Habitat for Mission. www.yntemafh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend Alvin Yates*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - October 30, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Reverend Alvin Yates*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Lee and I were so surprised to hear of Al's passing. Such a man of God, a true servant of our Heavenly Father. I'm forever grateful for all the times we spent working together on different programs within the Free Methodist Church. You and Al were true inspirations to Lee, and I, and so many others within the church. I pray for you Eileen, and your family now, that God will give you Grace, and uphold you in his Righteous Right Hand. May we "Keep Looking Up!", until We all Get to Heaven- What a Day of Rejoicing that will Be!"*

Lee and Karen Freeze - November 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Eileen, We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts felt thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Love The Lovelady Family"*

Greg - November 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DB

“Eileen and family, We are so sorry for your loss. You both had an impact on Don and I in our youth and engagement period. Thank you. We pray that you find God's comfort in this time of grief.”

Don and Sandy Busfield - November 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WO

“Dear Eileen and family, My love and prayers of comfort these days ahead. I am forever thankful for "Dad Yates" having lead me in the prayer of salvation and for the loving guidance of "Mom Yates" in my faith journey serving God. Great is his reward for loving so many into the Kindgom.”

Wendy Van Oosterum - November 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SA

“We knew each other MANY years ago when we all went to Holland Wesleyan on 17th Street and Pine. I didn't even know he was REV. until my cousin Dar Sundin Marlink sent me his obit today. We hadat great Youth Group back then. I'm glad to know he never stopped serving the Lord! I subsequently graduated from Houghton College, lived in W. New York for awhile, then moved with my family toPhoenix, and now live in Prescott, AZ. Still serving the Lord!! YES!”

Sharon Huff Anderson - November 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CS

“Sorry to hear about pastor Yates. I miss you both. wish I could be there. God Bless”

Charlene Service - November 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KS

“Eileen & family, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. I still think of church camp with fond memories of the fun and laughter in the kitchen. Al's dedication to God's service was obvious in all he did, and his joy could be seen in his smile. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I pray you find comfort knowing he is at peace and we will all see him again. Love, Kathy”

Kathy Slagel - November 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JK

“Margaret and I express our deep sympathy to Eileen and the children. Al was a joy to know and his love for God and his desire to help others know the God he loved was a challenge and example to all.”

Jerry Van Kuiken - November 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BW

“Our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. Such comfort in knowing where he is even though life here will feel empty for a long time. May God hold you up and sustain you during your grief.”

Beth Webb - November 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“We are so sorry for your loss, Eileen. Please know that our love and prayers will be with you and the family! Delos and Jackie Tanner”

A friend - November 01, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AC

“So very sorry to hear this news! So many wonderful memories of this man. My prayers are with aunt Eileen and the family.”

Aaron Coffey - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

FS

“*Pastor Al Yates was a faithful servant to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. His testimony and witness is one that will be remembered by all who attended New Richmond Baptist Church. His encouragement to this preacher and friendship to my wife and I will be sorely missed . We praise God for bringing him into our lives and blessing us with his love for the Lord. Until we meet again my friend on the other side of glory.*”

Franklin Senters - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BH

“*Bruce*”

BRUCE HOWELL - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BO

“*Praying for this special family*”

Bob - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RD

“*Gladys and I send our condolences to the family of a dear brother in the Lord. Our ministry paths seem to cross over the years and learned of the good and faithful work of Al and Eileen. We trust that God' grace will sustain you quickly and completely in the days and weeks ahead. Blessings on you all. Roger and Gladys.*”

Roger Van Donkelaar - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HB

“*Pastor Al was a great man of God and an inspiration to us all. He will be greatly missed.*”

Helen Beebe - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“So sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our prayers. Ried and Karen”

Ried Martin - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JE

“So sorry for your loss Eileen. I know he will be missed by you, Angie and your boys. Seems like I've known you folks forever and I know my parents thought the world of you all. Mom always reminded me of the red raspberries she'd pick for you. God bless and be with you in you tune of sorrow.”

Jeanne - October 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM