



Rev. Wayne E. Kiel

April 21, 1929 - December 19, 2016

Rev. Wayne E. Kiel, age 87, died peacefully at his home on December 19, 2016.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Donna; and by his children Dan, Scott (Caroline), Beth (Scott) MacGregor, grand-children Katie (Joe) Pitcher, Ross (Courtney) MacGregor, Abigail Kiel, Maxwell (Arianna) Kiel, Megan (Ryan) Lane, Andrew (MacKenzie) Kiel, Matt MacGregor, and great grandchildren Miles, Evelyn, and Ada Pitcher, sisters Arlene McGrath, Muriel Kaat, and Sharon (Mel) VandeGevel, and his in laws Lois Dickinson, Max and Karen Veldman, and Jim and Marcia Pol.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Connie Kiel, and brother, Dwight Kiel, and daughter-in-law Janet Kiel. Wayne grew up in Grand Rapids attending Lee High School, served in the US Army during the Korean War in the 179th Infantry Regiment as a medic, and graduated from Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. He was a pastor at Peace Reformed Church in Middleville Michigan for 24 years, First Reformed Church of South Holland Illinois for 5 years, and served on the staff of Gun Lake Community Church for 15 years. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a servant of Christ to the churches and communities where he served. He dearly loved his Lord and his passion in life was to humbly share his faith with others. A memorial services will be held at 12 noon Friday, December 23rd at First Reformed Church, 125 E.

Lincoln, Zeeland, Michigan with Pastor Scott VanOostendorp officiating. Visitation will be at First Reformed Church Zeeland Michigan from 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM on Thursday December 22nd. Memorial contributions may be made to First Reformed Church Zeeland Mission Fund or Hospice of Holland. The family is being served by Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St., Zeeland. w www.yntemafh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Wayne E. Kiel*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Dear Donna and Family So sorry to read about Pastor Kiel's passing. You have our deepest sympathy. He was a great servant of God. As we are in AZ now, we remembered when you visited us out here and what a great time we had with you both. You will always have such great memories of what a wonderful man he was. Don and Lorraine Thome"*

Lorraine Thome - December 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Donna and family. My deepest sympathy. I remember well each Wednesday he would come and play chess with Glen. I hold dear the day he said, " I enjoy it. He really plays well. I have to work to beat him". It is memories like that that made him a special man. He cared for people. May God hold you close is my prayer for you today. Jane"*

Jane Preslar - December 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“Dear Donna and family, We were so sorry to hear of Pastor Wayne's passing. He was a special man. We have fond memories from his days at Peace Church as our pastor, and will always treasure them. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Some serious health issues will keep us from attending the memorial service, but we will be there in thought. We are rejoicing that the man who touched so many lives is receiving his heavenly reward. May God be with you during this time and heal your hearts.”

John and Judy Dailey - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“I am so sorry to read that Wayne has passed. I know that my family is just one of the many many that he touched in such a special way. He will surely hear those words "Well done." I pray for comfort as you go forward without his physical presence.”

Lori Buchanan - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TT

“My condolences to Beth and the entire family. I have fond memories of Pastor Kiel and his sermons at Peace Reformed Church and more recently officiating the memorial service for my best friend, Scott Jones, at Gun Lake Community Church. He always had a warm smile and a gentle spirit.”

Trace Tandy - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“The Kiel family, my sympathies to you for the loss of a wonderful man, but rejoice in heaven's gain. My life was forever changed by Rev. Kiel's wisdom and guidance. I am so grateful to have had him in my life.”

Lisa Bellamy Rice - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DI

“*Dear Donna & Family: We are saddened by the loss of dear Wayne. He was a true friend and mentor in our walk with Christ while at Peace Reformed Church-Middleville. The small part of our world that he touched in his service to Christ's Church is a better place because of his joyful, caring kindness to everyone he met. May God hold you in His arms at this time.*”

Dick - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“Dad's (John Holmlund) best longtime friend died yesterday at age 87. Oh Mr. Kiel! You met Dad in the Army. Korean War. "Line up. You men are infantry. You are this division. The rest of you....are medics". Who was left in that Army group? Dad and Wayne. One tall, one short and stocky. One born into a conservative Dutch community in Western MI, one Brooklyn born wanting to play professional baseball. One knew Jesus almost from birth. One nominal Lutheran who heard between the lines of life that the church is all about who you are. Your status. Your image. So, Medics in the Army, two of them, became the best of friends and survived. Wayne went home to Holland and Dad went home to Bedford Ave. Brooklyn, NY. No cellphones, no texts, no Skype. Fond and poignant memories? Nice to have known you? Baseball called. Dad wanted to go pro. He was a pitcher after all. And he was a very good pitcher. Sandlot ball, PS 152. Good training all the way through Erasmus High. Training camp was down South. Class "A" farm team. He had survived sleeping atop a copperhead in the Army; he'd survive and make it to the pros. Ready. Set. His appendix burst. Missed the bus, so to speak. Life detour. Life of a bank teller instead? Wayne heard. Wayne said, "John, why don't you think about college. How about Hope College in Holland, MI? Dad thought the idea intriguing and went. A persistent thread had woven always through Wayne and Dad's friendship. Wayne told Dad about Jesus. Wayne told Dad about Jesus as Savior and Lord. And Dad said "yes" to Jesus as Savior and Lord all those years ago. One Army buddy and friend was the catalyst God used to change Dad's eternity. And how many of us have been taught to know and love the Savior because Wayne spoke up, answer questions, pointed Dad toward our glorious Lord! Thank you! Jane Jim John Jack Jared John Kate Travis Elsa Luke Jacob Breanna Heather Naomi Susan Jesse Mila Linus Judah Nancy Doug Elise Isaac DeAirs"

Jane Pilch - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of a strong and gentle caring man. Peace be with you.”

Brad Hamilton - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“Where to even start with such a great man!!! When our oldest Zach was born, we had plans to come to peace and have him baptize him, But at the last minute my mother in law took a turn for the worst and slipped into a coma, So Pastor Wayne and and Mr. Stauffer drove all the way to her house in Allegan, and even brought water from the head waters of Jordan (that he had taken home for this own grandchildren) with him. It was a day I will never forget. Not a dry eye in the house and such a special moment, my mother in law even awoke from her coma for a few minutes to hold Zach!!! That is what a special man he is!!!! Thank you for sharing him with so many of us!!!”

PAAt - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“Beth and Family, I am saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. You are all in my thoughts an prayers”

Pat Henk - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“This man was a true living saint and we were all blessed to know him and call him friend. He was an honest example of what a Christian is. I'm sure the saints in heaven rejoiced at his home-coming and my Mom was probably the first in line to greet him, as he was loved dearly by her and all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers go out to Donna, the family, and countless number of friends who will miss him dearly.”

Tonya Coles - December 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM