



Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr.

August 27, 1947 - October 31, 2019

Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr., 72, of Lebanon died Thursday, October 31, 2019 in his residence.

Born in Lebanon on August 27, 1947, he was the son of the late Thomas E., Sr. and June L. Dundore Light. He was a retired Lutheran minister and pastored at Buckhorn Lutheran Parish, Buckhorn, PA for over 40 years.

Rev. Light was a 1965 graduate of Lebanon High School, Millersville University, and received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lebanon. He was an avid collector and enjoyed music, history, art, and gardening.

Surviving are two sisters Barbara J. Light and Linda M. Light both of Hershey, a brother Steven D. husband of Vickie Light of Lebanon, and a nephew Michael Johnson.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 723 Lehman Street, Lebanon at 1 PM. A visitation will be held from 12:30 PM till the time of the service. Inurnment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to the First Aid and Safety Patrol 254 S. 11th Street, Lebanon, PA 17042 or the Lebanon Community Library, 125 N. 7th Street, Lebanon, PA 17046 in his memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
723 Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

Memorial Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HA

“ Tom was a good and kind person! I stayed with him as an exchange student and was truly saddened to hear about his passing! I know he is in a better place and I thank him for everything he has done for us. God bless him!

Harry

Harry - January 26, 2020 at 08:24 AM

RH

“ With sincere sympathy on the loss of Tom. While we have not spoken or seen each other in many year Tom was a great mentor and friend of mine during our years together at Camp Miller-Hagen and then in the 1980's. May God comfort everyone.

Robert Hawsey - January 04, 2020 at 05:22 PM

LM

“ *Pastor Thomas Light was our Pastor for over 40 years. When he first came to Buckhorn he was my husbands youth Pastor. He traveled to NJ to marry my husband and I in 1983. We moved back to PA in 1984 and over the years he Baptized, gave First Holy Communion, and Confirmed both of our daughters into the Lutheran Faith. He was a wonderful Pastor, and man. Our family missed him greatly once he retired in 2013. Though we are very thankful he was able to have some quality time in his retirement. He was able to travel more, collect, and garden more, and fly his beautiful flags at his home. He will always be remembered for his kindness, wit, and wisdom. We loved you dearly Pastor Light. May you Rest In Peace. With love, the Gary Martz Family.*



Lynn Martz - November 07, 2019 at 08:21 AM

MB

“ *Mollie Benshoff purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr..*



Mollie Benshoff - November 04, 2019 at 08:45 AM

KT

“ *We will miss your sarcastic wit and warm friendship, Tom. Be at peace with our Lord. The Temple Family of Bloomsburg*



Karen Temple - November 04, 2019 at 07:40 AM

NH

“ I and I am sure my other neighbors will remember Mr Light and his gorgeous plants and flowers in his yard. Please accept our sympathy upon his death.

Nada Horn - November 03, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr..



November 03, 2019 at 03:10 PM

DS

“ Dona Snyder lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr.



Dona Snyder - November 03, 2019 at 11:21 AM

DS

He was my Pastor for over 40 years. I was probably only about 10 years old when he came to our church. He was a nice man and will be missed, as he was when he retired in 2013 and moved to Lebanon. Thanks Pastor Light for all your service to us, and know we will see you again someday. Sending prayers to the family.

Dona Snyder - November 03, 2019 at 11:26 AM

AS

“ Al And Laurie Sprandel lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr.



Al and Laurie Sprandel - November 03, 2019 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ Joette Hollinger lit a candle in memory of Rev. Thomas E. Light, Jr.



Joette Hollinger - November 01, 2019 at 05:40 PM

JH

While I graduated with Tom I never knew him very well in school. However, since he joined Trinity Lutheran Church we became very close friends and he was always willing to participate in the Services at church when i asked him to do so. He will be terribly missed by me and many others. Good bless you Tom and rest in peace.

Joette Hollinger - November 01, 2019 at 05:42 PM

AS

Our deepest sympathy to Tom's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Al & Laurie Sprandel - November 03, 2019 at 09:34 AM

RL

Last week I received a call from Barbara Light, Tom's sister, who told me of Tom's passing almost three months ago. (Barbara didn't know that I was a close friend of his until she recently came across some cards that I had sent to him.) I was shocked and saddened by the news.

Tom and I had been friends since the time we both attended Millersville State College 52 years ago. After we graduated, our lives went in different directions, but we always stayed in touch and knew where one another lived. When I got married during 1996, I arranged for Tom to officiate because I was closer to him than to any other clergyman.

Tom was a kind, intelligent, well read man, who had a dry, witty sense of humor. He was a loyal Republican, who relished a good argument over politics. He sponsored many foreign exchange students over the years, and remained close to several of them. Tom was a devout Christian, who had the aptitude and personality to be an effective Lutheran pastor.

The world is a lesser place without Tom in it. I will miss him greatly.

With sincere sympathy to his family,

Rodney S. Loose

Rodney S. Loose - January 23, 2020 at 12:26 PM