



Rev. David Lee Marsteller

November 27, 1935 - October 20, 2025

Rev. David Lee Marsteller passed away peacefully at the age of 89 in his home in Lakeland, Florida on October 20, 2025. He was born November 27, 1935 in Youngstown, Ohio to Rev. Andrew J. Marsteller and Gail (Way) Marsteller.

After graduating from Struthers High School in 1953, David went to Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee where he met the love of his life, Shirley J. Pitcher. David and Shirley married on August 10, 1957 after graduating with bachelor's degrees from Bryan College. They then moved to Michigan where David attended Grand Rapids Baptist Theological Seminary. David used the training he received to serve as senior pastor of three different churches from 1961-2001. The churches were Cortland Trinity Baptist Church in Cortland, Ohio, Calvary Baptist Church in Sandusky, Ohio and Hope Baptist Church in Hope, Michigan, respectively.

After retiring from the pulpit, David and Shirley moved their home base of operations to Lakeland, Florida where they then served overseas in Australia, Cambodia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland and Taiwan as interim missionaries under Baptist World Mission from 2001-2014. David's love for Jesus was exemplified in all he did. He shared the gospel with everyone he met and led many people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. After serving in ministry for over 50 years, David is remembered as a

faithful man of God, loving husband, father and grandfather, a lover of singing tenor in choirs, and a master of puns. He will be missed.

David is preceded in death by his parents, his two older brothers Glenn Marsteller and Paul Marsteller and his two sons David Linden Marsteller and Stephen Andrew Marsteller.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Shirley (Pitcher) Marsteller, daughters and sons-in-law Kathy & Lester Lippincott of Lakeland, FL, Karen & William Cunnien of Belleville, MI, Krysten & George Helewa of El Cajon, CA, daughters-in-law Janice (David) Marsteller of Toledo, OH, and Christy (Stephen) Marsteller of Jackson, WY. David is also survived by his grandchildren Lester & Sarah Lippincott, Laura (Lippincott) & Nathan Paugh, Leilani (Lippincott) & Ben Rodman, Luana (Lippincott) & John-Jay Barton, David Cunnien, Drew & Kayla Cunnien, Jenna Cunnien, Joel Cunnien, Kaeleb Cunnien, Aylin Marsteller, Amira Helewa, Jasmine Helewa and great grandchildren Juliet, Eliza and Lucy Lippincott, Kalea, Kainoa and Makaio Paugh, Amelia and Kathryn Barton and Oliver Cunnien.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **5**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Baptist Church
5525 North Hope Road
Hope, MI 48628

Memorial Service

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Visitation

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellowship Baptist Church
4625 Cleveland Heights Blvd
Lakeland, FL

Memorial Service

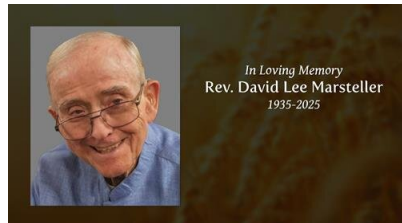
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Lakeland, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. David Lee Marsteller*



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“ *In this journey through life, the God-fearing God-loving Marstellers really stood out for me. I'm so grateful for their service here in Ireland. My whole church fell in love with them. I'm glad my family and I were able to be with them in Florida in May of this year and we all knew, standing at the front of their house saying farewell, that we would not meet again on this earth, but will meet in Heaven - David was frail but still, as ever, full of wisdom and with Scripture spilling out of him, because he was always too full of the Lord to keep His Word in.*

My condolences to Shirley and all the family.

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“ *I remember growing up with Paster David as a kid at Cortland Trinity Baptist church , he was a very inspirational and moving Paster. I know the good Lord above has received him with open arms and now has another great one in the skies.*

Brian Cross

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