

Years ago, I had the distinct honor and pleasure of meeting Pastor Barry. We shared the Lutheran background, a dedication to firefighting and fire safety education. We also had an interest in military history. We spoke often, live on the phone as well as e-mail.

Saturday night at about 9 pm, I would receive the “scriptures”, etc., for the next day (Sunday). Then, on Tuesday, we would talk to discuss the “sermon” and other events. This process lasted for many/months.

He had that Aire of understanding about him. Evenings and some afternoon phone talks occurred often (weekly).

He had a sensitivity that was so real, it was, at times, emotionally moving to me. He never criticized what I had done or didn't do in my 76 years. He always found positive things God made and that I did.

This is a letter of appreciation to God and Jesus for placing Barry in my life “forever.” I reflect daily on meaningful conversations we had over the years.

I thank God for Barry in my life. He is with the Lord where he will rest in peace forever.

I miss him.

--Ed Knight

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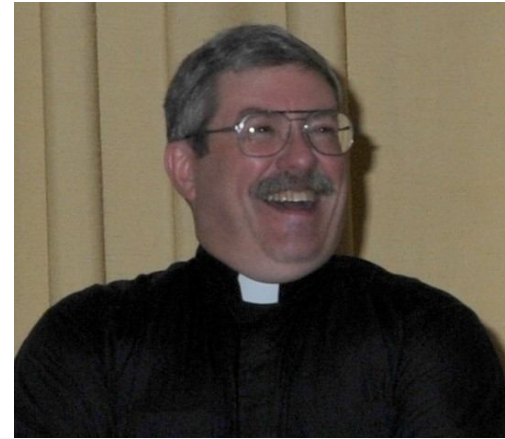
This is such sad news, and I'm truly sorry for your loss/our loss. I sincerely enjoyed getting to know Pastor at our times working together for Bible School and in my communications numerous times while doing mission trips with Lutheran churches. He had wise advice and direction, always given in the love of the Lord.

I'm sorry we're not home December 11 for the memorial service but we will be with you in prayer.

God bless and keep you.

Warmest regards,

--John and Denise McDaniels



The Rev. Barry S. Kendall, S.T.M.
February 27, 1955 – November 15, 2021

Served at Messiah Lutheran Church
1988-2021

To Pastor Barry Kendall's family/loved ones, friends, and congregation:

We don't even know how to start and what to say since there are so many good things to say about Pastor Kendall.

First of all, sorry that we could not be present due to being away for a missionary trip, however our hearts and support through this difficult and sad time are with all of you.

We are very sorry for the loss of Pastor Kendall, a friend, a loving and wonderful person.

Pastor Kendall gave us a lot of joy with his positive attitude and smile. What a caring and amazing person!

Pastor Kendall was not only the pastor but he was our friend. Pastor Kendall and I (Pastor Angel) used to have so much fun talking about so many topics. I enjoyed his positive/humorous spirit and jokes. What a good personality. For sure he will be missed.

Pastor Kendall did so many good things for the Hispanic congregation. We want to thank all of your congregation for all of your support and help that you have provided to the missionary trips to Dominican Republic and Haiti. We will always remember Pastor Kendall's generosity and affection.

We are with you in this difficult moment and each of you are in our prayers. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything that we can do for Pastor Kendall's family, friends, and congregation.

Our deepest and sincere condolences,
--Pastor Angel and Carmen Portes

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"A Journey Remembered"

As some people journey through life they leave footprints wherever they go - footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Even when they are gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind - a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.

To Carey, and the Kendall Family,

I pray you'll be comforted with precious memories and God's presence to care for you in your loss.
With Sympathy and much Love,
--Rev. Dr. Vanessa Owens

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I was shocked to hear of the death of my friend and brother in Christ, Pastor Kendall. I know he would want us to rejoice in Christ's victory over death and the hope of the resurrection. Somehow, that is so true but also difficult. I was just looking at taking a day off work and arranging to visit with him. Your congregation is in my prayers.

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed... So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."
(1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 4:14)

--Charles Reddinger

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Pastor Barry Kendall was a friend to all in the fire service and had a unique place as a fireman and as clergy. So sorry for the loss of him.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Lebanon City Fire Department, please accept our most sincere sympathy.
--Duane A. Trautman, Fire Commissioner

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Let's gather together to celebrate Pastor Kendall's life and devotion to the congregation, family and friends. He will live forever in our hearts!

Here is a photo of a baptism in 1997. He baptized three generations in one day!

We are blessed to know him and May God bless him and his family!

-Dr. Xiao J. Liu, MD, Ph D.
Wilbraham, MA