



## Rev. James D. Christensen

October 22, 1924 - June 21, 2019

### CHRISTENSEN

The Reverend James D. Christensen, 94, passed away on June 21, 2019 in Libertyville, IL. He was born October 22, 1924, to Clara and Albert Christensen of St. Paul, MN. Jim graduated from St. Olaf College, where he met his beloved wife, Joycelyn Stanek. After attending Luther Seminary, he served parishes in Eau Claire, WI, and Bloomington, MN, eventually moving to Libertyville in 1963, where he became the founding pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. He touched so many lives throughout his ministry, including patients he met on daily visits to Condell Hospital.

Jim and Joy celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2017. We are grateful to know Jim has now joined Joy in heaven. He will be forever loved by his daughter, Barbara Schulz, his son, Jon Christensen and his wife Nancy, and his granddaughter, Abby Joy Christensen. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Grace Lutheran Church, 501 Valley Park Dr., Libertyville. Interment service for the family will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Events

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**JUN**   **Funeral Service**   10:00AM  
**28**

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Grace Lutheran Church  
501 Valley Park Dr., Libertyville, IL, US

# Comments

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“ I was so sorry to hear the news about Pastor Christiansen. He was a kind man and a good friend to my family when we moved to Libertyville. I was confirmed by him at Grace Lutheran Church and ten years later my husband and I were married by him. He baptized the oldest of my three children. I remember him as a very intelligent and compassionate man. My condolences to his family during this difficult time. Julie Cashman

**Julie Hamilton Cashman** - June 30 at 09:49 PM

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“ Dear Barbara, Jon, Nancy, and Abby, My heartfelt sympathy to all of you on the passing of your beloved father and grandfather. At the same time, I rejoice with you at the completion of a long life lived in service to God and Christ's church. May he hear the heavenly welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master!"

**Pastor David Olson** - June 26 at 12:16 PM



“ MarilynBenson

Deepest sympathies to all of the Christensen family and friends. Pastor was an intergalactic member of so many of our lives through baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and all of life's events and daily experiences. His guidance and helping hand was greatly needed and appreciated. May he Rest In Peace in the Love of the Lord.

**Marilyn Benson** - June 26 at 07:28 PM