



## Martin J. Beversdorf

November 12, 1969 - September 30, 2015

Martin was born to Rev. James and Deaconess Bonnie Beversdorf on November 12, 1969 in Shawano, Wisconsin and became God's child through baptism on November 23, 1969. Martin entered from death to life and found peace in the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on September 30, 2015 in his home where he died after a courageous battle against sinonasal cancer.

In 1970 Martin went to Manila, Philippines where his parents studied the Cebuano language that later enabled them to serve as Lutheran missionaries in the southern Philippines from 1970-1982. Martin attended preschool at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Iligan City, Philippines. His mother home schooled him for grades 1 and 2, then, he went to Xavier University Grade School in Cagayan de Oro City. He was in Grade 4-6 at St. Peter's College Elementary School in Ormoc City, Leyte.

Back in the United States Martin studied one year at St. James Lutheran School in Shawano, Wisconsin. His Jr. High and High School studies were in Paris, TX where he was part of Future Problem Solving Team that won international recognition. Martin attended the 1986 Texas Governor's School and was in the Texas All State Choir. He graduated as Valedictorian of his class at Paris High School in 1988 and went on to get a BA in Asian Studies in 1992 from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, where he was a member of the Cornell Glee Club. During high school he spent two months in Hokkaido, Japan and later during college he did study abroad at Japan's Waseda

University. After graduation from Cornell University he was awarded the Mumbushao Scholarship to study at Tokyo University for 18 months. He received a MA in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley and in 1999 did Fulbright Scholarship graduate studies in the Philippines. Martin spoke the Japanese, Chinese and Indonesian languages. He met his loving wife, Katarina Teguh in Jakarta, Indonesia, where they were language partners. Martin and Katarina were married July 5, 1998 at Pacific School of Religion Chapel Berkeley, California. The Beversdorf's enjoyed visits from Katarina's parents and the trips they took together to Colorado and Michigan. Martin's great joy was homeschooling their 10 year old son, Caleb, through Grade 4. He got training in the teaching methods of Maria Montessori. In a letter Martin wrote to his not yet born child he said, "We are here on earth for short time. How can a few days or years compare with eternity? That's why we need to reflect on our world view – which one, looking at heaven from earthly eyes, or at earth with a heavenly perspective. As an earthly father, I hope you get to know your heavenly father. I also hope that you diligently learn from the Holy Spirit. May you faithfully serve Jesus Christ. I pray that you may have wisdom to be light and salt to the earth. May the joy of the LORD be your strength. May you have spiritual strength to be a faithful servant of God."

Healthy eating and exercise were important to Martin, as well as observing a Sabbath day of rest. Martin is survived by his three brothers, who all were born in the Philippines; Michael, Tampere, Finland (Jaana) daughters, Hanna and Thelma, Matthew, Tempe, Arizona, (Beth Hagen) daughters, Emma and Eleanor and Melvin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Jaclyn) children, Mabel, Gabriel, Sebastian, Charolette, Pearl and Willa, his paternal grandmother, Concordia and Katarina's parents, Mesach and Diana Teguh, her sister Esther (Indra) daughters, Monica and Deandra, her brother Ruben (Carolyna) sons, Adhie, Serafio, and Hosea.

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ I remember having Martin on our St. James BB team the one year the Beversdorf family was in Shawano. He was a very pleasant, polite and well mannered gent. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Please relay my condolences and sympathies to the Jim and Bonnie, but also Concordia Beversdorf( I taught with her at St. James. Blessings!  
The Lord comfort all of you in the moment of sorrow.

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**Ralph Mueller** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

MG

“ No words can express your loss, just know you are in our thoughts and prayers."Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, Fear not, I am the one who helps you.  
Isaiah 41: 10,13Merry

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**Merry Gunawan** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

MS

“ To the Beversdorf Family, I am truly sorry for the passing of Martin. His going will leave a void in your heart and life that cannot be replaced. However, he will be watching and caring for you until you meet again. Peace be with you.

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**Mary Simon** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

SF

“ So sorry for your family loss. God will take away all his pain now.

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**Sharon Fitzsimmons** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear about your son Martin passing away. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

*My sister, Sandy, passed way in Dec 2014 due to alcoholism at 44 so it pains me to hear of another loss and so young.*

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**Cindy Biel Stevens** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

DS

“ Our prayers for the parents and family we knew in Paris, TX

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**Dr. Dennis & Sandra Schmidt** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

GS

“ Jeanne and I sorrow with you in the passing of Martin.

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**Gary & Jeanne Sanders** - June 29, 2018 at 12:54 PM

DW

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

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**Dr. Josie R Williams** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

DW

“ Janna, Cabel, Pastor Jim & Bonniel was so sorry to hear of Martin's illness and passing. But am eternally grateful that he knew and loved our Savior Jesus and rests in His arms well and pain free. Naomi sends her love and sympathy. Since her aneurysm she doesn't text much but wanted you to know we talk of you often. She is thankful that Martin loved the Lord and was such a fine young man. She said to tell you she believes our Lord will sustain you in your grief and comfort you in time.

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**Dr Josie R Williams** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

VT

*“ We are so sorry to know of Martin's passing away. Our memories of knowing a wonderful person and also your family will be with us forever. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

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**Vimah and Dane Temporal** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

LS

*“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Martin was a "super star and saint". I will be praying for your comfort over this loss.*

*Leo Stellpflug*

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**Leo Stellpflug** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

AH

*“ Martin was truly the smartest person I have ever known. He was such a sweet friend to all of our high school classmates. He always had a smile on his face and was willing to help anyone! He will truly be missed by all his Paris High friends.*

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**Amu Ballard Hughes** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

RS

*“ Dear Bonnie and James--Our hearts and prayers go out to you and all of Martin's family right now. It has been said, "The only thing you have that you can take to heaven with you is your family," and you are blessed to know you will meet him there again. Lovingly,  
Richard and Susan*

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**Richard & Susan Swint** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

MH

“ We are so saddened to hear of Martin's passing. He was such an intelligent and respectful young man. Though the years have caused us to lose contact with him, we still remember him with great fondness. We hope all the best for his wife and son. Best wishes to all the Beversdorf family.

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**Mark and Nancy Hudson** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

SP

“ It seems like yesterday that Martin and many of his Paris High friends would be sitting on our couch laughing and talking about school. Those are memories I'll always treasure. Martin was so bright, yet always respectful and helpful to those who weren't as gifted as he. I'm sorry for your earthly loss of him, but what a delightful time he must be having in Heaven.

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**Suzanne Patty** - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM



“ Dear my old friend Ina, Deepest sympathy on your passing away lovely husband , Martin. Jesus give him The Best Place in Heaven. Love from Indonesia, Nia ( University of Indonesia, ' 92 )

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April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM

RT

“ Halo Martin kawanku yang baik. Tadi malam saya sedang mencari beberapa buku melalui on line. Tak sengaja saya lihat ada nama Martin tapi ada ucapan belasungkawa. Selamat Jalan ya. Teringat kita berdua dan beberapa teman pernah berdiskusi hal-hal yang menarik. Teringat Martin pernah memberikan souvenir sesuai kita berdiskusi. Teringat saya meminta bantuan Martin untuk mencari buku-buku seken/lama di bidang advertising bagi teman-teman dan saya yang sedang belajar periklanan di FSUI. Teringat saya kita ikut retreat di Puncak dengan pembicara Ibu Dorothy I.M. Teringat saya Martin memasang iklan mencari guru Bahasa Indonesia di kampus Sastra. Terima kasih sudah pernah berteman dengan kami. Sampai bertemu. Berkat Tuhan.

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Rini Tarigan - April 27, 2018 at 05:15 AM



“ Jim and Bonnie, sending our love to you and your family. May God's peace that passes all understanding wash over you this season.  
With love, Brett and Kim Carlson

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October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM