



## Rev. Norman H. Letsinger

November 24, 1942 - August 4, 2023

Rev. Norman H. Letsinger age 80 of Custer Township, passed away on Friday, August 4, 2023 at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids. Norm was born on November 24, 1942 in Mansfield, Missouri, the son of Cecil and Rosa (Miller) Letsinger and graduated from Ava High School in Douglas County, Missouri.

On August 7, 1965, Norm married Bonnie Layton in Missouri and together they raised three children Matthew, Jonathan and Amy. Norm earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of Missouri, his Master's degree in Divinity, and his Doctorate degree of Theology from Southern Baptist Seminary. In 1976, the Letsinger family moved to Mason County, first to Riverton Township and then to Wilson Road in Custer Township where Norm and Bonnie established Windy Hills Farm, a hardwood tree nursery and organic farm.

Norm first served as assistant pastor at Ludington United Methodist Church, youth pastor at United Methodist Church of Scottville, and 21 years as lead pastor of Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church in Sheridan Township. He served several years on the Mason County Central Schools Board of Education, including a term as president; was a member of the Western Michigan Old Engine Club; and a founding member of the Mason County Wood Turners. Norm never passed a tree stump he didn't like.

Norm made several mission trips to Haiti where he created pedal powered wood turning lathes from old bicycles. He was a master of wood, from identifying trees to building houses, turning vases and making guitars.

Norm was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Florence Moore and Selma Dunningan; and his brother, C.M. Letsinger.

Norm will be greatly missed by his wife of 58 years, Bonnie; their children Matthew Letsinger of Georgia; Jonathan (Julie) Letsinger of Nevada; and Amy (Harold) Cronk of Scottville; his grandchildren Gibson Letsinger, Jacob Letsinger, Jackson Letsinger, Evelyn Cronk, and Harry Cronk; his brother Hershell (Barbara) Letsinger of Ava, Mo.; his sister, Rosalee Denney of Springfield, Mo.; and several beloved nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A service celebrating Pastor Norm's life and ministry will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, August 14 at the Ludington United Methodist Church, 5810 W. Bryant Rd., Ludington. Friends may greet Norm's family for a time of visitation on Sunday, August 13 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services in Scottville, and on Monday morning from 10:00 – 11:00 am prior to the service at Ludington United Methodist Church.

Those who wish to remember Pastor Norm with a memorial donation are asked to please consider the Ludington United Methodist Church music and youth programs.

# Cemetery Details

## Center Riverton Cemetery

2200 West Hawley Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - Stephens Funeral Home  
305 E. State St.  
Scottville, MI 49454  
(231) 757-3333  
wyman-stephens@sbcglobal.net  
<https://www.wymanfuneralservice.com>

## Visitation

AUG **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Ludington  
5810 Bryant Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

## Funeral Ceremony

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AUG **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Ludington  
5810 Bryant Road  
Ludington, MI 49431

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Bonnie and Amy, I am so sorry.. Prayers for your family.*  
*Beverly Messamore*

**BEVERLY MESSAMORE** - August 14, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Remembering Pastor Norm*



**Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services** - August 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM

MR

*Enjoyed seeing all of the pictures of Matt, Jonathan and Amy as they grew up, the grandchildren being spoiled by Norm and Bonnie. Especially glad to see pictures of the equipment he built to take to Haiiti. Will forever remember the special times we spent with us and the Berry's during our younger years (all true friends) I am missing so much in Henry County, KY.*

**Marilyn Rose** - August 14, 2023 at 03:44 PM

WK

“ *Wayne and Sue Kellogg are grateful to Norman who arranged their first date over 60 years ago. He and Wayne were acquainted in high school and became college roommates. We have remained friends from a geographical distance. He was a very positive influence in the lives of his friends. Jesus promised, "I will not leave you comfortless." (John 14:18)*

**Wayne Kellogg** - August 12, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.*



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August 11, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Pastor Norm's family. He was a wonderful man and I always enjoyed his sermons when I attended Bachelor Church. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. He is now resting in Heaven with his Lord and Savior.*

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**Gregory Walker** - August 09, 2023 at 05:23 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.*



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August 09, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Aunt Bonnie, Matthew, Jonathan & Amy,  
Thinking of each of you and sending our love & prayers. It was always a joy being around Uncle Norman with his calming personality and his wonderful sense of humor. He will always be in our hearts! May he Rest In Eternal Peace.*

*Love,  
Joe, Michelle & Joey Layton*

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**Joe, Michelle & Joey Layton** - August 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JL

“ Joseph L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.

Joseph L. - August 08, 2023 at 09:14 PM

CS

“ Bonnie and family. My deepest sympathy to you all. Norm will always have a place in my heart. He was always there for me and guided me through some real dark times. He was a great youth pastor. I'll never forget the times on the farm. Love you all Connie Staley

Connie Staley - August 08, 2023 at 06:05 PM

BF

“ Beverly & Dick Kiehne, Shelly, Connie & Jason, Bo & Gale , Cheri & Sharon, Lenn & Shirley & Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.



Beverly & Dick Kiehne, Shelly, Connie & Jason, Bo & Gale , Cheri & Sharon, Lenn & Shirley & Families - August 08, 2023 at 12:31 PM

PC

“ Dear family,  
Norm was a fellow pastor during the time I pastored Cornerstone Baptist Church in Ludington (1987-2011). He was one of the kindest men I have ever know, always so gracious. I look forward to spending more time with him in Heaven. May God comfort you.  
Pastor Jim Carlson

Pastor Jim Carlson - August 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM

LK

“ Linda Oliver and Casey and Kelly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.



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Linda Oliver and Casey and Kelly - August 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

LK

“ Linda Oliver and Casey and Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.

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Linda Oliver and Casey and Kelly - August 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

JR

“ Dearest Bonnie and children, James and I are so sorry to hear that Pastor Norm has passed away. I know it has left a great hole in your heart but you can be sure where his is now and that he will always be watching over each of as your Angel.



He was a great caring person and when he was in Walhalla area he never failed to stop in for a talk and hug. His sermons at Bachelor Church before he retired was moving in many ways for each of us. It was such a blessing to us the day he called us after we had moved to Tennessee such a sweet voice on the phone.

Many blessings of love to each of you.

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James & Ruth Ann Ricketts - August 07, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.



August 07, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.

August 07, 2023 at 02:22 PM



“ Norman and Bonnie Letsinger brought my husband and I together 58 years ago at Missouri University. They have been wonderful friends through the years. Bonnie and her family have our love and sympathy.  
Geirgexand Jeanette Ashley

**Jeanette Ashley** - August 07, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.



August 06, 2023 at 06:26 PM

KS

“ *Pastor Norm was a great family friend. He was a truly cherished friend to both my grandma and great grandma. There are several memories that I'll hold tight. He was there for our family in the light times and the dark. Always.*

*He was truly caring about those close to him and anyone that he could serve. He greatly influenced my decisions when it came to my faith, and for that, I will be eternally grateful.*

*I could go on forever about what a great man he was but I'll leave it at this: even at times like this "God is good, all the time!" "All the time, God is good!" ❤️*

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**Katy Smith** - August 06, 2023 at 03:19 PM

MD

“ *Marilyn D. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.*



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**Marilyn D.** - August 06, 2023 at 02:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Norman H. Letsinger.*



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August 05, 2023 at 03:33 PM

LM

“ Norm was always such a gentle, thoughtful preacher in our church's jail ministry. He had a heart for justice. We will miss him.  
*Laurie McKinven-Copus*

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**Laurie McKinven-Copus** - August 05, 2023 at 11:07 AM

SM

“ One of the kindest people we have ever known. He always made a point to greet us when we visited Ludington, specifically after Sunday Worship service.  
*He co-officiated our marriage ceremony years ago, with a humorous moment we have treasured for over 40 years. Rev. Letsinger will be missed but fondly remembered. We have been blessed to have known him.*

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**Sue & Terry Major** - August 04, 2023 at 07:23 PM