



Orval Oswald

March 29, 1926 - April 11, 2013

Orval Oswald Dr. Orval M. Oswald passed peacefully to Heaven on April 11 at his daughter's home in Newberg, Oregon. He died at the age of 87 after a short period of declining health. He was preceded in death by Lois, his devoted wife of 58 years. Orval was born in Pulcifer, Wisconsin, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Oswald. He grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attending high school and receiving an Associate's Degree from Concordia College Milwaukee. He graduated from Concordia Lutheran Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri in 1950 with BA, BD, and Master of Divinity degrees. Two days after graduating, Orval married Lois E. Mayer in St. Louis. They soon left for California where they served Lutheran parishes in Menlo Park and Fair Oaks from 1950 to 1977. In 1977 Pastor Oswald was elected President of the Northern California, Nevada, and Hawaii District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, serving the District until 1991. He received an honorary doctorate from Concordia University in Irvine, CA in 1990. He retired in 1991, and the couple moved to Cameron Park, CA and then to Newberg in 2005. Orval is survived by his son, John, of Buellton, CA; three daughters, Beth (Dave) Jungmeyer of California, MO, Ruth (Bill) Schrempp of Newberg, Anne (Bill) Skadsen of Mt. Shasta, CA; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Rev. Arthur Oswald and Rev. Wallace Oswald. A memorial service will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Newberg on April 15 at 1:00 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Dr. Orval Oswald Endowment Fund at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri or to Zion Lutheran Church under the direction of Attrell's Funeral Chapel in Newberg.

Comments



“ Dear John, Anne, Ruth, Beth, and Families, We are so grateful and honored to be among those who were blessed by your parents' lives. Our time in California provided treasured memories with Uncle Orv and Aunt Lois. As a pastor in the CNH District, I watched the two of them in action. Aunt Lois was like a queen, respected and beloved. When your parents walked into the room pastors flocked to her because she was such a great conversationalist. I was amazed at how she knew all the names of these guys and their wives and children. She even seemed capable of keeping up with their family stories. I also chuckled at the way pastors related to your father. Not so quick to approach him, yet most all spoke openly of their respect and appreciation for him and his leadership. Your dad was known for his intelligence and those who knew his younger days spoke often of his athletic abilities. With no disrespect to those who have followed him as District President (Walt Tietjen a dear friend of mine), your father stands far above all District Presidents I have met in his leadership skills. I learned much from him. Most importantly, I learned leaders can be followers of Jesus and sinners whose lives are redeemed by the Lord. Thank you for loving your parents. They loved you dearly. They spoke affectionately of you and asked for our prayers as your lives faced trials and difficulties. We commend you, them, and ourselves to our Lord who promises to raise His own to eternal life where sin has no more victories. May our Lord bless you in these days of grief and sorrow. He is risen indeed, alleluia! Mary and Jeff Dorth

Mary and Jeff Dorth - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear John, Anne, Ruth, Beth and families, We send our love and blessings to all of you, wishing we could have attended Uncle Orv's memorial service. He was always a special uncle to me in particular. I am thankful that my parents chose him to be my sponsor when I was an infant. I know he prayed for me and my family often and I am very thankful for that. He was always supportive and encouraging to me in all my endeavors. Out of the 4 brothers, I would categorize him as "the cheerful one". He always seemed happy and joyful when I would see him or talk to him. Altho I know all of you will miss him dearly, may your comfort be in the assurances found in your faith in God's promises. Uncle Orv is now enjoying the eternal blessings of life forever in the presence of Jesus. I know that one of Uncle Orv's greatest heart's desires was for all of his family to join him there one day. May each of you press on in your own walk with Jesus, eyes firmly fixed on the eternal goal of life never-ending with Jesus. Love and prayers, Mary (Karolus)Volm, Chuck Volm, David and Aaron

Chuck and Mary Volm, David and Aaron - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM