



Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger

October 5, 1925 - October 6, 2019

NORFOLK -- Funeral Service for Rev. Dr. George William Heusinger, 94, of Norfolk, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Community Bible Church in Norfolk, with Reverend Arin Hess and Rev. Dr. Walter Jaworski officiating the service. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Friday, also at the Community Bible church in Norfolk. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #16, V.F.W. Post #1644, both of Norfolk, and the United States Navy Honors Guard. Reverend Heusinger went to his heavenly home on Sunday, October 6, 2019, while at Community Pride Care Center in Battle Creek. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements.

George was born to Joseph and Marie (Mech) Heusinger on October 5, 1925, in Marinette, Wisconsin. Though they had to work hard during the Depression years, George and his siblings, Howard, Marjorie, and Vernon, enjoyed many family times fishing, swimming, and hiking along the shores of Lake Michigan.

George graduated from Marinette High in 1943 and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy. He completed basic training and Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes Naval Base, graduating with an HA3c rating. During this time, he was chosen to be a part of the Blue Jackets Choir. George then served at St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island, helping to care for approximately 2,500 wounded sailors each month.

One Saturday evening he took a trip to Times Square which would forever change his life. After being invited inside Jack Wyrzten's "Word of Life" Center, he heard from the Bible God's loving plan to send Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world, including George Heusinger. He knew he was not good enough on his own and needed Jesus to get to heaven. That night he asked Jesus to be his Savior.

Shortly after this, George was transferred to Sampson Naval Hospital in Geneva, NY. He and three friends formed the Callaghan Quartet and were requested to do recordings for the Red Cross. With the end of World War II, George was honorably discharged and headed to Bob Jones Bible College.

Here he was able to pursue many of his passions. He formed another quartet which sang in churches throughout the area. He played lead roles in several Shakespearean plays. But his heart was touched when one of his teachers shared the need of the Peace

Evangelical Reformed Church, rural Norfolk, and Immanuel Church, rural Winside, for a pastor. He graduated from Bob Jones University in the spring of 1949 with a bachelor's degree in ministry and then came to Nebraska for the summer. The congregations asked him to come back as their full-time pastor. After completing a graduate Degree of Divinity in 1951, he returned.

He married Marjorie Ann Fleer on June 27, 1954, at the Peace Church. They were married almost 65 years. Together they ministered to three rural congregations each week, Peace Church, Immanuel Church, and the Theophilus Church near Wayne. He also directed the Hoskins Community Chorus in presentation of the Messiah for four seasons. In 1959, George believed God wanted him to begin a new church in Norfolk. He and his young family moved to town and began the Community Bible Church, where he served for almost 60 years. He loved people of all ages, but George particularly had a heart for young people. He loved planning game times, Scripture competitions, and Bible teaching opportunities in church and camp. Under his leadership, Park Avenue Christian School was established in 1979.

Each year George directed the church choir in two or more vesper programs. He spent hours decorating the stage for these dramatic productions, and often wrote the script. His Sunday morning radio broadcast, Reflections, aired on WJAG for 53 years.

George served on the boards of Child Evangelism Fellowship of Nebraska, Gospel Fellowship Missions, and Bob Jones University. He was also a member of the Foundations Baptist Fellowship. George was deeply moved when he was honored with an honorary doctorate in 1977, from his alma mater, which he considered his spiritual home. Family time was one of his greatest delights. Each grandchild looked forward to birthdays with Grandpa. A display of their pictures with balloons adorned the mirror. The "toys" which decorated his specially wrapped gifts were often as fun as what was on the inside. He kept a full M & M dispenser to tempt young and old alike.

George is survived by a daughter, Anne Marie (Arin) Hess of Norfolk, sons, Lynn (Kathleen) Heusinger of Lafayette, Indiana, and Joel (Renee) Heusinger of Lincoln, and a brother, Vernon of Marinette, Wisconsin, as well as 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie in April 2019, his parents, his brother, Howard, and his sister, Marjorie.

From the time George trusted Jesus as his Savior, he was consumed with the need for everyone to hear God's simple plan of salvation. He loved to share his testimony, often with tears in his eyes, because he cared so much that others go to heaven, too. For him, heaven is now a reality. He finished his course. He kept the faith. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Casket bearers will be grandsons Kellen, Leighton, and Logan Heusinger, Jonathan and Luke Hess; and grandsons-in-law: Jeremy Caudill, Dustin Rogers, and Brett Wilson.

Memorials may be directed to Community Bible Church, 401 E. Park Ave., Norfolk, NE

68701.

Testimony Time Remembering both George and Marjorie Heusinger: Sunday, 10:30 am at the church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Community Bible Church
401 E Park Ave.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://www.cbcnorfolk.com/>

Service

OCT 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.



October 11, 2019 at 12:57 PM

PM

“ *Whenever I think of CBC, I think of Rev. and Mrs. Heusinger.. I was an OB nurse when their youngest was born & enjoyed getting to know them personally. He shared his gift of music; many of my friends in Hoskins area were proud to say they had learned to sing The Messiah under his leadership.. He and Marjorie are together again; they were not apart very long.. God bless the family.. Pat and Mike Meierhenry, Lincoln*



Pat Meierhenry - October 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Majestic Heart* was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.



October 10, 2019 at 12:22 PM

MC

“ *I remember Rev. Heusinger and Marge so well. My grandmother, Pearl Danburg, and I started attending Community Bible church in about 1959 or 1960. I was about 10. Vacation bible school was always a highlight of the summer as well as Polk Bible Camp where he often brought the message. I had the privilege of seeing him a couple summers ago at an aunt's, Kathryn Brooks, birthday celebration. He was a truly godly man and fine person.*

Melani Claude - October 09, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Pastor Heusinger will always hold a special place in my heart. He had me in for a series of meetings when I was just getting started; almost forty-five years ago. He and his family (and the church family) have always been such an encouragement to us in our ministry as we continued to have meetings in Norfolk on a regular basis. Whenever I went to CBC in Norfolk, I felt like I was coming home! I praise the Lord for his ministry and the impact he has had on so many lives. He will be sorely missed.*

Ken Lynch - October 09, 2019 at 12:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.*



October 09, 2019 at 11:32 AM



“ *We counted Dr. and Mrs. Heusinger as some of our dearest friends on earth. How many times we were with them at Community Bible! Our first meeting was in November, 1967.
May the Lord Comfort the family by His Spirit, and the many loving memories of this, our dear brother, and friend.
Bill & Shirley Hall*

Bill Hall - October 09, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ *I remember preaching revival meetings for Brother Heusinger in 1977 and have appreciated his friendship over the years.*

*Bud Bierman
I Cor. 15:58*

Bud Bierman - October 09, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Glad to hear that he has graduated to the presence of His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. His love for children's ministry was a great influence on my having the same burden for reaching and teaching young children and developing talents to that end. Praying for the family as they both grieve and rejoice for him.*

David Thorin - October 08, 2019 at 09:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.*



October 08, 2019 at 07:31 PM

RV

“ *Dear Family,*

Mary and I are in the Philippines right now, otherwise we would have done our best to be with you folks at this time. We have such fond memories of our time there in Norfolk with the Heusingers and the church family. George was so good to me, a young and inexperienced preacher boy, to give me many opportunities to serve that summer of 1970. Under his leadership I learned valuable lessons about many aspects of local church ministry. Over the years since our friendship continued as our paths crossed. I was always privileged to call George my friend. Our prayers are with you in your temporary loss of George. Looking forward to that day when we will all "ever be with the Lord".

Roger Vogel - October 08, 2019 at 07:24 PM

AH

Thank you!

Anne Marie Hess - December 03, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.*



October 08, 2019 at 12:03 PM

WC

“ *Westwood Heights Baptist Church purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.*



Westwood Heights Baptist Church - October 08, 2019 at 10:15 AM

YF

“ *Your NACS family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Rev. Dr. George W. Heusinger.*



Your NACS family - October 08, 2019 at 10:10 AM