



Rev. Steven Ernest Goodin

July 29, 1950 - August 11, 2023

Rev. Steven Ernest Goodin, age 73, of Kankakee passed away Friday, August 11, 2023 at his home.

He was born July 29, 1950 in Spring Valley, IL, the son of Kenneth & Marian Wright Goodin.

Steven had one sister, Sandra Holler Kimpling married to Sam Kimpling residing in Streator, IL.

Steve married Brenda Boles Goodin on August 2, 1969. They had four children: Steven Boyd Goodin, Brad Alan Goodin married to Lupita Goodin, Jennifer Joyce Boeckmann married to Stephen Brian Boeckmann, and Jacob Christopher Goodin. Steve had three grandchildren: Seth Bryan Boeckmann, Noah Michael Boeckmann, and Eve Madison Boeckmann. He had nine nieces and nephews.

Steven is preceded in death by his parents Kenneth & Marian Goodin; one son, Steven Boyd Goodin; one Grandmother, Marjorie See, and one Grandfather, Vernon See.

Steven graduated from Woodruff High School, Peoria IL in 1968. He worked as a produce clerk and manager at various grocery stores for several years. He attended Gulf Coast Bible College in Houston, TX and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Bible Theology in 1980. Steven went on to graduate school at Bethany Theological Seminary and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1993. He was ordained in the Church of God (Anderson) in 1983.

He also served churches in St. Louis, MO (Church of God), Vandalia (Church of God), Pekin (Nazarene Church), Kendallville, IN (Church of God), Oakland City, IN (Church of God), Kincaid/Tovey, IL (United Methodist Church), Reddick, IL (Bonfield United Methodist Church and Grand Prairie Church), Carlyle, IL (United Methodist Church), and Kankakee, IL (Asbury United Methodist Church).

He served thirty-five years as a pastor. He also served for one year as a chaplain at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.

Steve's passion was loving people and preaching the good news about Jesus Christ in the United Methodist Church. He also loved to garden vegetables and flowers in his yard with his best friend and wife, Brenda. Steve also traveled to Israel and Costa Rica with missions' efforts.

He will be truly missed.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with funeral service to follow on Friday, August 18, 2023 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Scott Henley & Rev. Sharon Monroe will officiate the ceremony.

Interment will follow at Grand Prairie Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Preachers Aid Society or March of Dimes.

Cemetery Details

Grand Prairie Cemetery

Route 17 W.
Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church
196 S. Harrison
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-4408

Funeral Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Could someone in the family tell me if Steven lived in Lincoln, IL when he was young and that his Dad was the manager of IGA grocery in Lincoln? If it is the Steven Goodin I knew as a child I have been looking for him for many years. Please advise. Rest in Peace Rev. Goodin.

Abbie Ann Alexander - July 24, 2024 at 11:14 AM



“ Solar Angel Statue to Send as Unique Sympathy Gift Remembrance was purchased for the family of Rev. Steven Ernest Goodin.



August 15, 2023 at 05:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. Steven Ernest Goodin.

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“ A Good Man - Gone To His Reward - Well Done Good and Faithful Servant!

Martin Gutzmer - August 15, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Sending prayers and thanks to Pastor Steve and to his family for sharing him with us. I will always remember his gentle manner and welcoming warmth. I know he will bask in God’s eternal grace!!*

Charles Harvey MD - August 14, 2023 at 05:57 PM

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“ *Pastor Steve was and always will be my favorite pastor I've ever had. He truly loved the Lord and was a faithful genuine servant of God. When he came to our church we started the after school buddies together with some other women. We reached many youth with that program and we had an alive church. He didn't have to prove he loved us he showed he truly loved us. He always said the church was for the people not the people for the church and it was open to everyone. After Pastor Steve it was locked up always and was never for the people again. It has never been the same since. My heart was truly sad when he was moved . His friendship was always treasured. I know the strength of his faith will hold his family close and keep them strong through this very hard time. We love you Brenda and your family and you are all in our prayers.*

Edith Huene - August 14, 2023 at 03:32 PM