



Reverend Paul Bengtson

December 2, 1941 - November 26, 2025

We are sad to announce the death of Reverend Paul Bengtson, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa. He passed away on November 26, 2025 as a result of a car accident in Humboldt County.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Paul was born December 2, 1941 in Galesburg, Illinois to Rev. Nels and Alphild (Liljegren) Bengtson.

Paul was united in marriage to Mary Ann Becker on August 14, 1965. Paul and Mary Ann adopted three children and raised their granddaughter, Heather.

Paul graduated from Moline High School in Moline, Illinois, then received his Bachelor of Arts from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and his Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Illinois. He was ordained on May 22, 1968.

Paul served multiple congregations in Illinois before transferring to the Western Iowa Synod in 1994 to serve Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, Iowa.

He joined synod staff as Assistant to the Bishop under former Bishop Curtis Miller in 1999. After retiring in 2004, he continued his service providing interim ministry to Eagle Grove & Vincent, Pocahontas, and Storm Lake through 2016. He was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, Storm Lake.

In his free time, Paul found joy in the outdoors, whether he was hiking, biking, or camping. He was an avid reader, a lover of newspaper puzzles, and someone who cherished meaningful connections with others.

Cherishing Paul's memory are his daughter, Hilda Clewell; his granddaughters, Heather Woodley and Nicole Charette; his great-grandsons, Daniel and Evan; and his great-granddaughter, Delilah.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents, Nels and Alphild (Liljegren) Bengtson; his wife, Mary Ann (Becker) Bengtson; his brother, David Bengtson; his son, Peter Bengtson; and his daughter, Amy Bengtson.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 02 at 12:10 PM

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“ Dear Heather,
so sad I missed your dads funeral! I had a great time cleaning for your family.. You were in school when I first started cleaning. I had a good friendship with both Maryann (Mary) and Paul. I have missed see you grandpa and was planning on going to see him.. I pray you are finding peace as time go's on.
In Christ love,
Crystal Cook

Crystal Cook - January 07 at 08:22 PM

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“ We first met Paul at Our Saviour's Luthran church in Humboldt, IA, and enjoyed him immediately. Our sympathies to the family. Peggy and Dale Behrens

Peggy Behrens - December 05, 2025 at 10:13 AM