



Rev. Frederick W. Traugott

August 28, 1943 - October 7, 2022

Traugott, Rev. Frederick W. "Pastor Fred" October 7, 2022 Age 79

I was born on August 28, 1943, at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. My parents were Rev. Henry Traugott and Frances Traugott. I had an older brother, William Traugott, who currently lives in Glendale, AZ. I spent my early childhood days in Bryan, TX, for two years and ten years in LaGrange, TX. In 1956 my parents moved to Houston, TX, and I enrolled in Trinity Lutheran School in the 8th grade. While at Trinity, I was very active in the Walther League group and have many fond memories of that experience. I attended Lutheran High school in Houston for 4 years and graduated in 1961. From 1961 to 1963 I was a student at Concordia Lutheran College in Austin, TX, studying to become a minister. In the fall of 1963 I enrolled at Sam Houston State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History and Sociology in 1965. In the fall of 1965 I enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, IL and graduated from there in 1969. I also completed my graduate work at Sam Houston State and received my Master of Arts Degree in 1968.

At Christmas in 1965 I met my future wife, Carolyn Hohle, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Houston, TX. We were married at Trinity Lutheran Church on August 19, 1967. We spent our first year of marriage on vicarage in Tucson, AZ, at Faith Lutheran Church. We then returned to the seminary in Springfield, IL, in

the fall of 1968, and I graduated in 1969 and received my first call to Faith Lutheran Church in Stephenville, TX. I was called to be pastor of the church and campus minister at Tarleton State University. During that time our congregation grew and we built a new church in 1971. I also began a new church in Granbury, TX, in 1975, Our Savior Lutheran Church. In February, 1979, I accepted a call by the Michigan District to become Campus Minister in Wayne and Oakland Counties. We moved to Troy, MI and lived there until 2005, after which we moved to Macomb, MI.

Fred is survived by his beautiful wife Carolyn; three children Tammy, Mark, and Philip; proud grandfather of Ryan, Sierra, Justin, Skye, Joshua, Ethan, and Noah; and brother William.

Visitation at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. (Shelby Twp.) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Tuesday 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Instate Wednesday 10:00 am at Faith Lutheran Church 37635 Dequindre (Bet. Big Beaver & Wattles) until time of service at 11:00am. Burial Glen Eden East Cemetery. Memorial tributes to Faith Lutheran Church/Missions are welcome. Pastor Fred was ordained in 1969 and served at many metro Detroit Churches until his retirement in 2009. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" at WujekCalcaterra.com.

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Memorial Park-East

19810 26 Mile Road
Macomb Township, MI 48042

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Instate / Funeral Service

OCT **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Faith Lutheran Church (Troy)
37635 Dequindre
Troy, MI 48083

Tribute Wall

ET

“ Dear Papa,

God allowed you to share your love of Jesus with so many people and I'm so glad to be a Traugott (Trust in God!) This summer I felt your presence and your big smile over my interest in becoming a pastor, and it's my top choice right now(still feel you today papa). I am suffering too(pain in my legs, weight of stress in life) but sharing the love of Jesus with my friends and others at school. It's truly so rewarding to seek Jesus no matter what and I'm praying to continue on your legacy in my own way, shadowing your love for Jesus! I'm so excited for what's to come in my life and the many challenges to strengthen my faith. Say hi to Jesus in heaven for me and I will try my best to bring as many people with me to Jesus to have a party in heaven for eternity! For anyone reading this, God's timing is perfect so no matter what life brings never stop seeking Jesus and you will find answers.

-Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20

*God's child,
Ethan Traugott*

Ethan Traugott - October 01, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TB

“ I am so late . I just found out about Rev. Traugott. I went to school with Fred at Trinity Lutheran Church/school in Houston Tx. 1957 is when we graduated to Lutheran High School. His dad Rev. Traugott was assistant pastor to Pastor Donald Black who is now retired. We enjoyed our time in school together, getting in young boys trouble more often than we should have. Proud memories I have of Rev. and those times. Tommy Burttschell

Tommy Burttschell - February 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM

CT

“ Uncle Fred, you were my only uncle and you filled that space with so much love and joy. I have so many memories of our times together when I was a kid. And then you welcomed Ted and me into your family fold while we lived in Detroit And even from Denver when I didn't get to see you, I still always felt your love. Even now I can still hear the echos of your laugh. I love you Uncle Fred and goodbye until we meet again.

Cathy Traugott - October 12, 2022 at 07:28 AM

LS

“ We send our prayer of comfort, mercy and peace to you, Carolyn, Tammy, Mark, Phillip and families. So strong in our minds are the years in Stephenville, Texas, when Pastor Fred and Carolyn arrived as our first fulltime pastor for Faith Lutheran Church and minister to students at Tarleton State. You have remained good friends, even though miles separate us. The love in the Lord keeps us close. So, we wrap our hearts around you and send our love, knowing the pain of the loss of Pastor Fred, but rejoicing in his strong faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Love from Charles and Lynann Simpson, Melissa Hinga and Shay Simpson

Lynann & Charles Simpson - October 11, 2022 at 10:38 PM

TR

“ It is with a sincere heart that I send my condolences to Carolyn, Kellie, and the rest of the family. Fred was always a good man very pleasant to be around and it was my pleasure to stand and work with Fred in Ministry at Faith. I know he will be deeply missed, but I rejoice in the fact that he is healed and whole again and no longer in any pain. I celebrate his life and look forward to the day that we will see each other again.

Tim Reesor

Tim Reesor - October 11, 2022 at 03:52 PM

CK

“ Dear Carolyn, Tammy, Mark, Phillip and Kids

We are deeply saddened at the passing of Fred, Dear husband, father and grand father. He is with Jesus and we rejoice. Fred was an amazing, kind and caring friend that we will cherish. We shared our kids weddings together and Fred gave the Blessings at their weddings. Words cannot describe all the enjoyment and sharing with Fred. Our pinochle club of over 40 years is a memory we will always have. We seemed to eat more than play. Always remember Fred wanting to "Beat the Girls". We developed a closeness of Family. Fred was there to comfort my mother during her illness and passing. Many prayers have been shared between our families. We will never forget his famous "Yee Haw". Rest in peace Fred and sing with the angels.

Love, Chuck and Bonnie

Charles Kraft - October 11, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ I remember "Uncle" Fred piled all five of us kids into the robin egg blue VW Bug and took us to a youth center to go roller skating. He always had such a contagious laugh and such a rich singing voice. He was a really good man. Those who knew him were blessed.

Shelley Ede - October 11, 2022 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ When I came from Oregon to Michigan, Pastor Fred was one of the first contacts I made. What a wonderful difference he and the North Metro Lutheran Single Adults have made in my life. God had blessed so many through Pastor Fred's ministry.

- Jon Stults

Jon S Stults - October 11, 2022 at 10:02 AM

CS

“ Pastor Fred has a special place in my heart. My Mom was a part of his Nursing Home Ministry. After Mom had her stroke he was so faithful to always visit her when she was in the hospital. His kindness and compassion will never be forgotten. Happy Heavenly Homecoming Pastor Fred!

Carol Slumkoski - October 11, 2022 at 09:19 AM

LS

“ Pastor Fred and Carolyn have been a special part of my life for almost forty years. I was part of his singles ministry who got to experience his genuine love for God and those he ministered to. The best part was always being welcomed into their home. Carolyn always had something freshly made to share. Be it a large group of singles or just me who needed some counseling. I loved that they trusted me to care for their house and little doxin Heidi (told you I went way back) when they went out of town. Fred just thinking of you brings a peaceful smile to my face. I ache over not being able to chat with you on this earth again but once we meet up in heaven it will be glorious.

Laurie Smith - October 11, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick W. Traugott.



October 11, 2022 at 12:35 AM

IS

“ Dear Tammy and family, words cannot express our sadness on the passing of your father. Loss is always difficult but I know your faith and love for him will make you strong and you will carry on the work he started. Give our love to your mom and you will be in our thoughts and prayers on Wednesday when he is laid to rest in eternity with God. Faith, family, and friends, will get you through your grief. Love from Auntie Irene and Domenic

irene scaglione - October 10, 2022 at 06:53 PM

AK

“ Pastor Fred was so gracious to visit my husband during his many hospital admissions. When my husband died he did a beautiful service. Pastor Fred had health issues at the time of my husbands death and graciously did the service anyway. Prayers for the Traugott Family.

ALICE KUSCHINSKY - October 10, 2022 at 06:27 PM

GP

“ Dear Fred - We were happy and lucky to have known you and to be a part of our two families through Tammy and Craig. We loved hearing your laugh at all the family celebrations. And Gary was glad he had a chance to have that short phone conversation with you trying to convince you that you would be home soon. And now you are finally home. We love you and Carolyn. You will be missed.

Gary and Rose Peck - October 10, 2022 at 04:52 PM

JP

“ Justin Peck

Hey Paps I am glad to call you my papa you have been nothing but a wonderful grandfather to me. I loved coming over and every time I walked in the door and just hearing you yell from the back room. I'll miss coming over for Christmas and birthdays. I'll miss going to Birchrun and Frankenmuth. We would all get so excited to get the chicken dinners from Zenders. Going to antique store and garage sales the list goes on. Everything I did with you I always enjoyed it. You were a best friend to me and I will always love you. Say Hi to Jesus for me!! Yee haw❤️❤️

Justin Peck - October 10, 2022 at 01:25 PM

JR

“ This kind caring soul just was the sweetest human you could ever have cross your path with his southern drawl, and his soft spoken words of wisdom, I will never forget, he blessed my ring when I no longer had a pastor to do, I would go over to your house and sit with you and him to have a nice baked treat or even just a sandwich, we would chit chat for hours, this home is a place you could go to feel good and always loved, we will miss him dearly but know he is in a better place watching over his beloved family. May you Rest In Peace.

Jennifer Raby - October 09, 2022 at 11:19 PM

KT

“ I married into a pretty amazing family. Never once was I treated like an "in-law". You're showed me God's grace and love from day one. I miss you but know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Can almost hear you and Jesus yelling Yee-Haw together! ❤️❤️❤️

Kellie Traugott - October 09, 2022 at 07:35 PM

CS

“ I will never forget the beautiful sermon and celebration for our 25th Anniversary. When I asked him for a copy of the sermon he said no, it came straight from his heart. - cyndi and Elmar Seubert

Cyndi Seubert - October 09, 2022 at 06:04 PM

SL

*I Have known Carolyn since High School .
And when Fred and Carolyn started dating . It was a Blessing for both
to have found each other at a very young age. Their Life together was
full of travels and three wonderful children who are now grown.
Such a Beautiful Family and Extended Family that Love each other.
Reverend Fred will be missed by many ! I Pray that Carolyn can keep
up the strength to cope with the Major loss of her Love of her Life.
They both were a great couple to Admire all their life together.
Love and Prayers Sharon Lauder from Houston Texas.*

Sharon Lauder - October 09, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Rev. Frederick W. Traugott.*



October 09, 2022 at 02:23 PM

CG

“ *Uncle Fred, when I think of you I think of your optimism and your
laugh. You had a wonderful happy laugh! I always knew when you
were laughing in a crowd. When Rick and I got married, you
delivered the sermon. We were blessed to have you do it. I am
going to miss seeing you when we visit Michigan. All of us in Texas
are going to miss you!*

Cecilia Gravesmill - October 09, 2022 at 01:22 PM

RG

“ Uncle Fred, where do I start? I have so many fond memories of you. I remember taking the train from Houston to Cleburne with my brother Keith to visit you quite often. That was a long boring train ride but it was worth it. I remember you taking us fishing to Linne's lake and you making the sound of farm animals as we drove to the lake there in Stephenville. You gave me a love of fishing. I also remember the time you drove Keith and I to Six Flags to spend the day. What fun we had. I remember hitting Dairy Queen for a treat on the way home. You also taught us how to play Ping Pong on that homemade table you kept in your garage. I could never handle the funny spins you put on your serves. But mostly I remember the Love you had for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and your family. we were all blessed to have you in our lives. Finally, you gave the sermon at our wedding and also read a bible verse at Robert and Katies wedding. These will be forever in our hearts. Please tell our family hello in heaven. Well done good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace!

RICK Gravesmill - October 09, 2022 at 01:13 PM

MR

“ I have known the Traugott family since 1987, when I started working with Carolyn at Kelly Services. I feel honored and blessed to have known Pastor Fred both before and after his life changing surgery. His courage, faith, humor and endless love for Carolyn and his family is forever imprinted on my soul. May he rest in peace with Our Lord and may Carolyn and his family be comforted by angels.

Marilyn Rice - October 09, 2022 at 11:53 AM

EE

There are so many wonderful things to say about Pastor Fred but not enough room. When my father died in 2002 he performed the service and was in his office at Faith when I needed his advice on my ailing mother. Carolyn and I became such dear friends when my husband died. Both of these people have been blessings in my life. Thank you Lord for placing these beautiful people on my path.

Elaine Emery-Thompson - October 09, 2022 at 03:34 PM

TK

“ *Your kindness and selflessness touched me deeply. You opened your home to me for a few weeks when I came up there after Cindi’s accident. I will never forget, nor can I ever thank you and Aunt Carolyn enough for that. You are an amazing servant of the Lord, and I’m sure your welcome into his kingdom was fittingly wonderful! Well deserved...*

Tim Kinsella - October 09, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick W. Traugott.*



October 09, 2022 at 11:43 AM

SK

“ Papa, I’ve never met anyone with as much love in their heart as you. Your love for the Lord, for Mimi, your family, and Texas shines through in every aspect of your life. I’ll never forget at my high school grad party when you went up to all my friends from Texas Roadhouse and sang us the Texas State Anthem. One thing I’ll always remember is you sure did love to sing. I’ll forever cherish our family’s ear-piercing rendition of the Happy Birthday song, and every year all 15 of us squeezing into the office to sing Christmas carols that I’m sure all the neighbors loved to hear :). I could never thank you enough for building such a close-knit family that is full of so much love – love for Christ and love for one another. Thank you for all the stories, all the laughs, all the memories that I will hold near and dear to me for the rest of forever. You were the greatest Papa anyone could ever ask for. I love you so much and I’m looking forward to the day we all get to be together again and continue our Sunday lunches in Heaven. I love and miss you Papa, more than words could ever explain. <3 <3 <3

Skylar - October 08, 2022 at 11:21 PM

KA

“ Papa, what a blessing it was to have known you! From the very first day I met you, you welcomed me into your family and loved me as one of your own. I LOVED sitting with you and Mimi in the living room and hearing your many life stories--from your traveling adventures and family traditions, to your pastoral work and your leadership of the infamous "Singles Group," where you served not only as a minister, but also as the ultimate relationship matchmaker :) What I loved most about my visits with you was being able to witness the endless love you had for Mimi and your family. You exemplified Christ in everything you said and did, and you made every person who walked into your home feel welcomed, listened to, valued, and loved. You treated everyone with the utmost kindness and respect, and you kept God at the center of every interaction you had. You and Mimi helped to show me what a loving, Godly relationship looks like, and I can only hope to be able to love as genuinely and unconditionally as you both have. Thank you for being the most wonderful Papa anyone could ever ask for. I will love and miss you forever <3

Kaily - October 08, 2022 at 10:07 PM

RY

“ Papa, I could never ask for a better grandfather, role model, and friend. Your outlook on life and love for others through all your suffering will always inspire me. I will cherish our memories of Wheel of Fortune with popcorn, you and me teaming up to beat Mimi in Shoot the Moon, and our long talks about whether you were an old man or just "upper middle age." You showed me how to be a man after God's own heart. I'm glad you are whole again and can be with those you lost, but I miss you already Papa. I will always miss you. I love you Papa. Please watch over me as I live to be like you.

Ryan - October 08, 2022 at 09:02 PM

TA

“ Dad, you were the best father, husband and Papa anyone could ask for. You showed me unconditional love and that will live on through me. I will love you forever and there will always be a hole in my heart. Celebrate in heaven and dance again Dad now that you are whole!

Tammy - October 08, 2022 at 07:46 PM

CR

“ Papa, it was a privilege and an honor to call you Dad. You brought the Lord into my life and I will be forever grateful. You also gave me your beautiful daughter, the most wonderful woman I have ever met, along with your two oldest grandsons, whom I know you loved and cherished deeply. I cannot express how much you meant to me. Thank you for being the "Perfect Christian Man" and the most wonderful example to all those who came to know you. You suffered so, but, battled on without complaint. I know you are now in Heaven looking down at us, saying.... "Yee Haw"!! I Love You Dad.

Craig - October 08, 2022 at 05:44 PM

MA

“ You fought one hell of a battle pop. I'm going to miss you and your phone calls during Jeopardy.

Mark - October 08, 2022 at 05:18 PM

JJ

“ Janie Jeffery purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rev. Frederick W. Traugott.



Janie Jeffery - October 08, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Frederick W. Traugott.* ”



October 08, 2022 at 02:51 PM