



## Rev. Vernon DeVantier

March 2, 1932 - June 3, 2010

Blissfield: Vernon DeVantier, 78, of Blissfield went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, June 03, 2010 at his home. Vernon was born on March 2, 1932 to Edward and Thekla DeVantier in Bergholtz, New York. On July 2, 1955 in Lewiston, New York, he married Harriet Landres. At the age of 9, Vernon heard a missionary speak and from that moment on he decided that he wanted to be a Pastor. He received his bachelor's degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio in 1954 and his Masters in Divinity from the Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio in 1958.

His first call was to St. Mark's and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Defiance, Ohio. In 1965 he was called to serve at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Blissfield, where he ministered for 23 years. Before retiring, he also served at Zion Lutheran Church in Petersburg, Michigan and St. Michael Lutheran Church in Ottawa Lake, Michigan, where he was a member and sang in the choir. In addition to serving the Lord, Vernon also gave back to the community. He was a past member of the Blissfield Rotary. He also served as a board member of the Bliss Liewert Senior Center, and of the Lenawee Parks and Recreation Board. Because of his love and concern for the unborn, one of his greatest joys was serving for 30 years on the Living Water Works, Crisis Pregnancy Center Board in Adrian, Michigan.

Vernon is survived by his wife of 54 years, Harriet DeVantier of Blissfield, 1 son, James (Michelle) DeVantier of Blissfield and 3 daughters, Louise

(Gregory) Solak of St. Joseph, Michigan, Deborah (David) Kimmelman of Riga and Barbara (Ronald) Schmidt of Blissfield; 11 grandchildren, Matthew and Michael Solak, Erica, Lindsay and David DeVantier, Kelly, James and Katie Kimmelman and Amy, Eric and Anna Schmidt; 3 brothers, Edward (Elaine) DeVantier, Roger (Doris) DeVantier and Loren (Norma) DeVantier, and many other wonderful relatives. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Thekla.

Funeral services for Vernon will be held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 5790 W. Temperance Rd., Ottawa Lake, Michigan, 49267, with Pastor Mark D. Gibbs officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery in Blissfield. Visitation will take place on Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. at the Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Lenawee or to St. Michael Lutheran Church, Ottawa Lake. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church. You may send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Lutheran Church  
5790 W. Temperance Rd.  
Ottawa Lake, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Vernon DeVantier*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *HI HARRIET, 6-14-2010*

*JUST WANT TO PASS ON TO YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND RESPECTS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. I DID NOT REALIZE VERN PASSED AWAY UNTIL A CPC BOARD MTG. LAST THURSDAY. I WOULD HAVE SO WANTED TO BE THERE TOO! I NEED TO START LOOKING AT THE OBITUARIES MORE OFTEN. AT LEAST ONLINE ANYWAYS. WHO KNOWS I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE IN THERE SOME DAY EH? (HEHE)*

*I DON'T EVEN GET THE NEWSPAPER. SO SORRY I MISSED THE FUNERAL AND THE CELEBRATION OF HIS LIFE IN JESUS!!! HE DEFINATELY RAN THE RACE IN AN AWESOME AND WONDERFUL WAY. LOVE AND BLESSINGS ALWAYS!!  
TAMMY##imported-begin##TAMMY HOLLY  
(RUTTKOFSKY)##imported-end##*

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June 14, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ To The family of Rev. Veron Devantier,

*My/Are condolences goes out to you all.  
on Rev. Veron DeVantier. May you reflect on your memories to pull  
you through the days ahead... May god be with you today,  
tomorrow, always...*

*My condolences,*

*The Sirianni Family##imported-begin##The Sirianni  
Family##imported-end##*

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June 10, 2010 at 10:08 PM



“ Sorry we did not get to see you at Robert's confirmation celebration.  
Pastor DeVantier was an awesome Pastor. I enjoyed when he filled  
in and I was there. You are in our prayers always.##imported-  
begin##Lorenzen Family##imported-end##

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June 09, 2010 at 04:32 AM



“ "Well done, my good and faithful servant," were surely the words  
your dad heard when he stepped into the arms of Jesus! What a  
precious man, husband, father & friend he IS ! We are keeping you  
in our prayers as you celebrate his life on earth while he celebrates  
his homecoming with the Lord! I love you , Barb! Wish we could be  
there today. Love, Dick and Peg##imported-begin##Dick & Peg  
Charlefour##imported-end##

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June 07, 2010 at 08:38 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. We are rejoicing as well! We know Vern has gone home to be with His Father, even as we grieve! He has been such a blessing to us in our walk with the Lord and a guide throughout the years. We will miss him greatly! We plan to be at the funeral tomorrow, but wanted to share that we have been thinking about all of you. May God's peace and blessings be with you.  
Love, David and Harriet Woodby###imported-begin##David & Harriet Woodby###imported-end##

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June 06, 2010 at 09:00 PM



“ We were sorry to hear about Pastor's passing and we pray that God will fill you with His love, His peace and His joy. Pastor was responsible for my entering the ministry. Most certainly he has now heard our Lord and Savior say to him in person, "well done thou good and faithful servant."###imported-begin##Rev. and Mrs. William Chormann###imported-end##

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June 05, 2010 at 11:53 PM



“ Pastor DeVantier married us on 06/12/71 and we are celebrating our 39th anniversary next week. Our condolences to Mrs. and the family.###imported-begin##Dale & Nancy Kidd###imported-end##

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June 05, 2010 at 04:44 PM



“ Carol and I wish to express our sincere condolences to Harriet and to all of Vern's wonderful family. Without a doubt, this true servant of his Lord, Vern, will be sorely missed by not only his family, but many, many friends and associates. I know we enjoyed our time knowing Vern and we will miss his good advice and humor.##imported-begin##Joe & Carol Peterson##imported-end##

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June 05, 2010 at 11:32 AM



“ Pa stor DeVantier's Family My husband and I just wanted to say how sorry we are to hear about Pastor Devantier.He married us 30 years ago.I also remember going to camp when I was in the youth group at are church in Riga.amd how much fun we had. I know that God is going to take good care of him,We are praying for your family##imported-begin##Leonard and Diann Mathis##imported-end##

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June 04, 2010 at 09:26 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great loss. Pastor was such a Godly man who lived his faith and taught all of us what a true Christian is by his actions. He has left a legacy for his family that will live on forever. Pastor was smart too because he married the best wife in the world. They made such a wonderful couple! Wish wen could be there, but know you will be surrounded with many loving friends and family.##imported-begin##Jeff and Paula Aspacher##imported-end##

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June 04, 2010 at 08:37 AM



“ Harriet, Jim and Louise, Deb and Barbara: Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing away. It's been so long since I've seen you but you folks have always been a warm thought in my memories. Your Dad was a real example of a true Christian and I wish I was more like him. I'm glad to have known him and I;m glad for the influence he had on me in the younger years at Bethlehem. My Mom & Dad (Dick & Irene) will be glad to see him in heaven!##imported-begin##Mark Stockman##imported-end##

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June 03, 2010 at 09:36 PM



“ Harriet, Jim, Louise, Debbie, and Barbara,

*Our thoughts and prayers are of all of you as you go through a difficult time. May God hold you in the palm of His hand and grant you comfort and peace. Pastor and Jesus have met now in person, and there is rejoicing in heaven today!*

*Love you guys.*

*Gwen & Gary##imported-begin##Gary & Gwen (Stockman)  
Richard##imported-end##*

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June 03, 2010 at 06:13 PM