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Memorial Service for Albert J. Meyer
11:00 AM August 8, 2020

From Scott Coulter to Everyone: 11:04 AM

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From mcartwright to Everyone: 11:04 AM

Praise God for the life and witness of Albert Meyer!

From miriamneufeld to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Miriam Neufeld and Ardeshir Arfaian - Great niece and nephew -Boston, MA

From Sandra Fribley to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Sandy Fribley, Goshen

From Jane Ramseyer Miller (she/her) to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Jane Ramseyer Miller and Susan Haugh from Minneapolis

From Kathy Oyer to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Kathy Oyer, Goshen

From Gwen Gustafson-Zook to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Gwen Gustafson-Zook, Goshen, IN

From Scott Coulter to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Scott Coulter, Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana.

From 07 J. Nelson Kraybill to Me: (Privately) 11:05 AM

Nelson and Ellen Kraybill, Elkhart

From Dan Nafziger to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Dan Nafziger, Goshen, IN.

From Tom Yoder Neufeld to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Tom and Becky Yoder Neufeld, Waterloo, Ontario

From Bethany and Marshall to Everyone: 11:05 AM

Bethany Swope and Marshall King, Goshen. Always valued Al's wisdom and mentoring

From Tim Nafziger to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Tim Nafziger - Oak View, California, traditional Chumash land.

From Lois Kaufmann to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Jim and Lois Johns Kaufmann, New Paris, Indiana

From Jim & Terri Brenneman to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Jim and Terri Brenneman from Berkeley, CA

From Norma Wyse to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Norma Wyse, Lexington, MA

From Marlene Kropf to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Marlene and Stanley Kropf are participating from Port Townsend, Washington.

From Julia Friesen to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Julia Friesen, Winfield, Illinois

From Keith Graber Miller to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Keith and Ann Graber Miller, Goshen, Indiana

From Anne Birky to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Anne Birky, Goshen

From Sarah E Nahar to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Sarah Nahar, Syracuse, NY

From Richard Hughes to Everyone: 11:05 AM
So grateful for the life of Al Meyer!

From Suelyn Swiggum to Everyone: 11:05 AM
Suelyn Swiggum, Madison, WI

From Sally Glick to Everyone: 11:05 AM
John and Sally Weaver Glick, Goshen, IN

From Diane to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Diane Schrock Hertzler, Goshen, IN

From Nathan O'Leary to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Megan Eigsti and Nathan O'Leary South Bend IN

From 05 Maria Hosler Byler to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Maria, Philip, and Mateo Hosler Byler (grandkids and great-grandkid) - Souderton PA

From jeann to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jeannette Hughes--Goshen, Indiana

From Beth Bontrager to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Beth Bontrager, Mennonite Historical Library Goshen College Campus, Goshen IN friend

From Claire Paulson to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Claire Paulson, Chapel Hill, NC

From Jamie Lake to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jamie Lake, Goshen, IN

From Sara to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Sara Wyse-Wenger, Arlington, MA

From Clay Bottom Farm to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Ben, Rachel,

From Sara Wenger Shenk to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Sara Wenger Shenk

From Sarah E Nahar to Everyone: 11:06 AM
LOVE YALL!

From mcartwright to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Michael G. Cartwright, V.P. for University Mission, University of Indianapolis

From Emily Buss to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Emily, Mike and Eliza in Chicago

From Marlin Groff to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Marlin Groff from Kinzers, PA

From davidyneufeld to Everyone: 11:06 AM
David Neufeld and Gina Martinez, Kitchener, Ontario

From RDL to Everyone: 11:06 AM
robbert D. Lerch in Goshen

From Mary Martha Metzler to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Mary Martha Metzler, Goshen, IN

From suzanne gross to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Suzanne Gross, Edmonton Alberta

From tkoon to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Gayle and Ted Koontz, at home in Goshen

From David Eugene Stoltzfus Lapp Jost to Everyone: 11:06 AM
David and Sophie Lapp Jost, Bammental, Germany

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Peter B Meyer, Washington DC, Al's nephew. I grew up in California

From Strahan, Esther to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Esther, Jeff, Laura, and Isaac Yoder Strahan, Bluffton, OH

From John Lapp to Everyone: 11:06 AM
John F. and Sandra Shenk Lapp, Goshen, Indiana

From William Mateer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Marna and Bill Mateer in Goshen, IN

From Carl Meyer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Carl Meyer, Karissa Loewen, Emory and Miko. Rapid City, SD.

From John Buschert to Everyone: 11:06 AM
John & Lyn Buschert. friends from Goshen

From Jeanne Liechty to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jeanne Liechty & Michael Dickens, Goshen

From Sam Smucker to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Sam Smucker and Eva Lapp, Bloomington, IN

From Loren Swartzendruber to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Loren and Pat Swartzendruber, Harrisonburg, Virginia

From debora to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Debora Weaver, Fuquay-Varina, NC

From Annette to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Deron and Annette Brill Bergstresser, Goshen

From Joelle Friesen to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Joelle Friesen, Iowa City, Iowa

From Les Gustafson-Zook to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Les Gustafson-Zook - Goshen, IN

From Jessica Baldanzi to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jessica Baldanzi

From Julia Reimer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Julia Reimer. St. Paul, MN

From Blough Neal to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Janie and Neal Blough, Paris France

From AndrewKaren to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Andrew Schiedel and Karen Martin Schiedel, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

From timgodshall to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Tim Godshall, Harrisonburg, VA

From Mark Byler to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Anne & Mark Meyer Byler, Goshen

From Mike O'Leary to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Mike O'Leary, Seattle, WA

From Lane Meyer-Reed to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Barb, Lane, Ben Reimer, Kat M-R, Chris Eversole in Goshen/Benton IN

From Karla Minter to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Karla Minter from New Paris, IN - Grateful to have known and learned from Al!

From Tereesa to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Teresa Mauzy

From Robbin & Mike to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Robbin Lerch O'Leary and Mike O'Leary, Seattle, WA

From Robert Zuercher to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Bob Zuercher, South Carolina

From Marilyn Torres to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Cris and Marilyn Torres, Goshen, IN

From Paul Reimer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Paul and Kathy Meyer Reimer, Goshen, IN

From vera smucker shenk to Everyone: 11:06 AM
dan and vera smucker shenk Faith Mennonite

From Paul Keim to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Paul and Julie Keim

From Richard Hughes to Everyone: 11:06 AM
So grateful for the life of Al Meyer. Jan and Richard Hughes, Franklin, Tennessee

From annwb to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Ann Weber Becker, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.

From Meyer-Lee family to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Meyer-Lee family, youngest daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, in Baltimore

From Lori Zook-Stanley to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Lori Zook-Stanley, Minneapolis, MN

From Miriam Suzanne to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Miriam Suzanne & Erin Rollman - Denver, CO

From John-David Yoder to Everyone: 11:06 AM
John-David Yoder, John-Paul, and Lynda Nyce, Bluffton, Ohio

From Alexandra Yoder to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Alex Yoder, Elkhart, IN

From Ellie Schertz to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Josh Yoder: Tucson, AZ I participated in Open Table Mennonite Fellowship with Al and Mary Ellen from 2014 to 2019.

From Sarah to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Sarah Esquerra - Ashland Oregon

From Jessica Baldanzi to Everyone: 11:06 AM
(Sorry—Goshen IN)

From Barb Swartley to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Barb and Wilma overlooking the Goshen Millrace. We love you all and are sending you virtual hugs

From Tim to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Tim & Sharon Burkholder Edmonton Ab

From jonkara.shields to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jon Kara Shields with much love in Des Moines, Iowa

From Gregory Hartzler-Miller to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Greg and Cindy Hartzler-Miller (daughter of Roy Hartzler worked with Al at Mennonite Board of Education), Goshen, Indiana

From Sally Oyer to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Sally Oyer and Mike Cerceo, Seattle, WA

From Stan's iPad to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Stan Kaufman, GC'62

From Peter pita.da.bread07@gmail.com to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Ida Short and Peter Miller - Goshen, IN

From Julia Gautsche to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Julia and Larry Gautsche; So happy to be here to celebrate Al's rich life.

From Jodi Beyeler to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Jodi Beyeler, Goshen, Indiana. Assembly Mennonite Church

From iPhone to Me: (Privately) 11:06 AM
Deb Johnston. Goshen, IN

From Judy Weaver to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Judy Weaver in Goshen

From Douglas Swiggum to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Douglas Swiggum, Fitchburg WI

From yodermaust to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Rod and Martha Yoder Maust, Rachel Maust, and Rolando Urquizo Zarate in Indianapolis IN

From Evan Miller to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Evan Miller and Sara VonGunten Goshen, IN

From David Glick to Everyone: 11:06 AM
David Glick, Goshen

From Douglas Kaufman to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Doug Kaufman, Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen

From jlederach to Everyone: 11:06 AM
John and Naomi Lederach Love you ME!

From Karen Stoltzfus to Everyone: 11:06 AM
Duane and Karen Sherer Stoltzfus, Goshen, IN

From Lois' iPad to Everyone: 11:07 AM
John and Lois Nafziger, Goshen IN

From BJ Helrich to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Carl Helrich Goshen College

From Jep Hostetler to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Joyce and Jep Hostetler, Assembly Mennonite, Goshen

From David Rutschman to Me: (Privately) 11:07 AM
Marj Byler and David Rutschman, Vallejo, CA

From Richard Kauffman to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Condolences to Mary Ellen and the whole Meyer family from Richard Kauffman.

From Anna to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Anna Yoder- Great Niece, Nashville, TN

From Sara Wenger Shenk to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Sara Wenger Shenk, Waynesboro, VA

From Sadie B. GZ to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Sadie Gustafson-Zook, Boston

From Larry Miller to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Eleanor & Larry Miller, Atlanta

From Alcatel POP 4+ to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Lyd Troyer South Bend IN

From phyllis stutzman to Everyone: 11:07 AM
phyllis stutzman, Goshen, co housing member

From Elizabeth to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Elizabeth Stauffer, Goshen IN

From bobgingrich to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Bob and Joyce Hooley-Gingrich in Waynesville, NC

From Valerie Gross to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Valerie Gross & Tri Nguyen, Berkeley, CA

From Dale Yoder-Short to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Dick Yoder-Short

From daduberry to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Beth and Lee Roy Berry, Jr. 19736 Riverview Drive, Goshen, IN 46526

From Sarah Walker to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Sarah, Anthony, Nora, and Elijah Walker, Knoxville, TN

From mschertz to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Mary Schertz, one of those whom Al encouraged in seminary, beginning my career and throughout my seminary vocation through the years. Deep appreciation and profound awareness of how Al's passing marks an era.

From Tereesa to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Teresa Mauzy, Goshen, IN

From Anna Yoder Schlabach to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Anna Yoder Schlabach, Goshen, IN

From Rich and Brenda to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Rich and Brenda H. Meyer, Centennial CO

From Patsy to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Michael and Patsy Sherer, Goshen, IN

From Susan Mark Landis to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Susan Mark Landis, home, Goshen IN (appropriate that I'm in an OFFICE and knitting) family friend. As a teen, when I learned to know the Meyer clan, I found that brilliant people could also be kind and listen carefully.

From David Rutschman to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Marj Byler and David Rutschman, Vallejo, CA

From lees yder to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Lee Snyder, colleague in Mennonite Higher Education

From Clay Bottom Farm to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Ben Hartman and Rachel Hershberger, Arlo, Leander Hartman from Goshen, IN. Condolences to ME and the entire Meyer family. We are thinking of you in this time.

From Julia Friesen to Everyone: 11:07 AM
Shirley Friesen, Goshen, IN

From Merritt and Ruth Ann to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Merritt and Ruth Ann Gardner

From dshankdc to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Ellen Kennel and Duane Shank

From Rob and Kylie to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Kylie Gruner and Robert Weiss (Bristol, IN)

From John R Blosser to Everyone: 11:08 AM
John Blosser & Beck Unternahrer from home in Goshen , IN

From anita landis-eigsti to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Anita and Randy Landis-Eigsti, Lakewood, Colorado

From Darrel Hostetler to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Darrel and Marian Hostetler Goshen IN

From Don & Connie to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Don Garber, Goshen, Indiana

From kathrynaa to Everyone: 11:08 AM
From Kathryn Aschliman to Everyone

From J. Evan Kreider to Everyone: 11:08 AM
J. Evan and Janice Kreider, Vancouver, BC, Canada. How wonderful to be part of this. We also appreciated the ways in which Al and others welcomed our children at Assembly in the 1990s (Vivian [née Matthew] and Aaron).

From 03 Naomi Yoder to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Naomi Yoder, Goshen, IN

From Glenn Gilbert to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Glenn and Mary Gilbert, Goshen

From Mark Nation to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Mark Thiessen Nation, Harrisonburg, VA

From Elizabeth Buschert to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Elizabeth Buschert, Arlington MA

From Jean Brunk to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Jeannie Brunk and Alan Greaser, Goshen, IN

From Betty Jane Helrich to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Betty Jane Helrich, East Goshen Mennonite Church

From Melanie Zuercher to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Melanie Zuercher, Newton, Kansas (Bethel College)

From Gerig Meyer to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Jonny, Hannah, Gracie, and Owen Gerig Meyer, Goshen

From Katie Bast & Mixhi Marquis to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Michelle Marquis, Goshen, IN

From Gwen Preheim to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Gwen & Dean Preheim-Bartel, Goshen

From Starla's iPhone to Everyone: 11:08 AM
Starla Graber Elkhart IN

From Daniel Yoder to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Thea and Daniel Yoder, Knoxville, Tennessee

From Ruthann to Everyone: 11:09 AM
George and Ruthann Brunk Long time coworkers in Mennonite higher and seminary education and church

From Katie Bast & Mixhi Marquis to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Katie Bast, Goshen, IN

From Donita Wheeler to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Donita Wheeler, Bristol, IN

From MAG to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Attending from Millrace Cohousing Community - Bob and Mag Richer Smith

From Katie Bast & Mixhi Marquis to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Carl Hubbell, Goshen, IN

From TOyer to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Tim Oyer, Boston

From Elisabeth Yoder to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Elisabeth Yoder (niece) and Wahba Ayyad Cairo, Egypt

From Sue Groff to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Sue Aeschliman Groff, Kinzers, PA

From Hilary Bertsche to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Hilary Bertsche

From Anne Breckbill to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Anne Breckbill - St. Paul, MN - So grateful to be able to join this holy celebration of a lovely man and a rich life. Love to all the Meyer family.

From Willems to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Leroy and Joan, Millrace Cohousing

From timothy jost to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Tim jost. Harrisonburg va

From Abby Nafziger to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Abby Nafziger, Alex Peterson, Hans and Heidi - Goshen IN

From Peggy Reiff Miller to Everyone: 11:09 AM
Peggy Reiff Miller, Englewood, Ohio, researcher of the seagoing cowboy history

From Faith Mennonite Church to Everyone: 11:10 AM
Kay Bontrager-Singer, Goshen, IN from my house, 919 S. 7th St.

From Pat Martin to Everyone: 11:10 AM
Gary & Pat Martin

From Ruth Maust to Everyone: 11:10 AM
Ruth Maust, Eugene, OR

From Meyer Family to Everyone: 11:10 AM
Tom, Erika, Ruby, and Henry Meyer. Al and Tom's dad (Fred)are first cousins. Tom has many memories of attending family reunions with Al. :-) We are so grateful for Al and his love of family, the church, and Mennonite education. Our love and prayers are with Mary Ellen and the entire family during this time.

From kenneth yoder to Everyone: 11:11 AM
Ken Yoder here enjoying this service!

From barbarabuss to Everyone: 11:11 AM
Bucky and Barby with you all from Camden, Maine

From rebecca oyer to Everyone: 11:12 AM
Rebecca Oyer, Lafayette, Louisiana, thank you so much for the lovely slide show, and for sharing the service on zoom. Love and blessings!

From John Hershberger to Me: (Privately) 11:13 AM
John Hershberger from Goshen,IN
John Hershberger from Goshen, IN

From Rebecca Burkholder to Everyone: 11:13 AM
Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine

From miller to Everyone: 11:13 AM
D. Richard Miller, Goshen, Indiana

From RDL to Everyone: 11:14 AM
Robert D. Lerch first cousin in Goshen

From 02 Erin Yoder to Everyone: 11:14 AM
Erin Yoder in Goshen, IN!

From rosegillin to Everyone: 11:15 AM
Rose Gillin Goshen, IN - I have always appreciated Al's warm and welcoming spirit.

From Liz Wenger to Everyone: 11:15 AM
Liz Wenger, Goshen, IN

From Charles Mumaw to Everyone: 11:15 AM
Charles D. Mumaw

From Zac Bowman Cooke to Everyone: 11:16 AM
Zac Bowman Cooke, Goshen

From Douglas Swiggum to Everyone: 11:16 AM
hey Liz!

From dshankdc to Everyone: 11:18 AM
Ellen Kennel and Duane Shank. Goshen IN. It has been an honor to know Al for many years, especially as fellow members at Assembly the past 4 years.

From Peggy Reiff Miller to Everyone: 11:19 AM
What an amazing experience that was for you young Mennonite seagoing cowboys! That would have been June, 1946, Edgar.

From Myron D Yoder to Everyone: 11:21 AM
Myron Yoder Goshen, In.

From Peter Burkholder to Everyone: 11:21 AM
Peter Burkholder, Hyattsville MD. Friend of family from Goshen

From Kathy Marquis to Everyone: 11:24 AM
Wonderful warm and loving tributes. Thank you for sharing with us.

From meyer to Everyone: 11:24 AM
Greetings to all, from John and Maria Meyer in California

From Tim Nafziger to Everyone: 11:24 AM
Here's a beautiful photo I took 10 years ago of Al listening in a classic Al Meyer way:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mennonot/4762865582/in/album-72157624298683761/>



From Karl Shelly to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Karl Shelly, on I-80 West, somewhere in Nebraska

From Petra Showalter to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Elena and Petra Goshen IN

From David Sutter to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Dave and Janice Sutter South Bend, IN remembering Al with you. I recall good years working with Al on the Pastorate Project with MBE during the early 90's., a focus to encourage long term pastorates. I learned so much from Al about administration and working to facilitate change with groups of people, which I continue to use in my now almost 33 years of pastoring at one church. But mostly I will remember Al's passion for life, for Christ and for the church. Blessings to Mary Ellen and the family during these days. Dave

From Si to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Si GZ, in Goshen IN

From Lucas & Peter to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Peter and Lucas somewhere in South Utah

From Beverly Lapp to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Beverly Lapp, Assembly Mennonite, Goshen, Indiana.

From Joy Liechty Yoder to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Joy Liechty Yoder - Millrace Cohousing community, Goshen

From Jan Siemens to Everyone: 11:28 AM
Jan Siemens Assembly

From Melanie Zuercher to Everyone: 11:28 AM
Love to K&P, Elena, Benj and Peter.

From Rich H. Meyer to Everyone: 11:29 AM
An occasional dramatic quote: "Go into that classroom and CHALLENGE the teacher to ask you a question you can't answer."

From Nancy Loewen to Everyone: 11:29 AM
Nancy Liechty Loewen - Millrace Cohousing community, Goshen

From Strahan, Esther to Everyone: 11:30 AM
Missing Uncle Albert, and so glad for the many fine legacies he has left. I am particularly grateful for my dear cousins and CORMLANs, and am keeping you in my thoughts during this time of loss and disorientation.

From Jan Siemens to Everyone: 11:30 AM
Patricia Roth Nuyken, Assembly, Goshen
What a loving, fruitful and thoughtful legacy you leave with us. Thank you!

From Tim Nafziger to Everyone: 11:30 AM
Thank you, Rich. Love that quote.

From Michael Fecher to Everyone: 11:30 AM
Michael Fecher Goshen, IN

From Lissa Burkholder to Everyone: 11:31 AM

About Rich Meyer: when my husband Alex and I were in Goshen in the Winter, we met Rich at the Electric Brew. After an animated conversation, Alex asked me, "Who was that? Is he your cousin?"

From Joe Springer to Everyone: 11:31 AM

Joe Springer

From Kathy Marquis to Everyone: 11:31 AM

From Kathy Marquis Thank for you for sharing such warm and loving tributes.

From Kay Bontrager-Singer to Everyone: 11:33 AM

Jamey Bontrager-Singer, Goshen, IN

From Beth Landis to Everyone: 11:33 AM

Beth Landis, Eagle Idaho

From larry yoder to Everyone: 11:34 AM

Larry and Roberta Yoder in Goshen

From Clara to Everyone: 11:42 AM

Clara Keim, Goshen IN

From Bethany and Marshall to Everyone: 11:44 AM

I wish we could know how many young adults decided to stick with the church because of Al and Mary Ellen

From vera smucker shenk to Everyone: 11:45 AM

Vera and I were in an Assembly small group with Al and Mary Ellen in 1974. In college, I was discerning my next vocational steps, so I brought it to small group. Al said the Churchwide Thrust on Education could use a staff associate in communications, so while he and the family went to France I worked with Tilman Smith (his replacement) and others for 14 months. I always appreciated Al's genuine interest in and concern for the spiritual and vocational journeys of people like me.

From jeann to Everyone: 11:47 AM

When I moved to Goshen in 2002, never having been in Goshen before and never having attended a Mennonite church, Al, a family friend, took me out to breakfast (I had never met him before). He basically informed me that I would be going to Assembly Mennonite Church, and he hooked me up with a small group. He remained a friend and a mentor.

From Richard Kauffman to Everyone: 11:47 AM

Thank you, Mary Lehman Yoder, for those inspirational and encouraging words.

From 04 Edgar Metzler to Everyone: 11:49 AM
edgar Metzler. Goshen

From Sarah Buss to Everyone: 11:52 AM
Hank and Sarah are grateful for Al's life and grateful to be attending this service.

From Sarah E Nahar to Everyone: 11:53 AM
Thanks all. This was a wonderful service for a huge-hearted disciple and epic family. Amen!!!

From Dan Koop Liechty to Everyone: 11:54 AM
Al's work with Mennonite higher education was so important to my grad school research. I appreciate his faithful work for the Church. I also appreciate his and Mary Ellen's parenting of some of my favorite people in this world. A life well lived indeed.

From Blough Neal to Everyone: 11:55 AM
French and European Mennonites continue to benefit from the presence of Al, Mary Ellen, and their many co-workers. Their work continues to bear fruit.

From David Rutschman to Everyone: 11:55 AM
Deep appreciation for Al's life, and much love to all the family. We hold you all in the Light.

From Daniel Yoder to Everyone: 11:56 AM
When we brought new friends or prospective partners to family gatherings, we could always count on Uncle Al to make them feel welcome and recognized. He had the special gift of attention.

From Margaret Meyer Irvin to Everyone: 11:56 AM
Margaret, Kevin, and Elizabeth send love and greetings.

From Peggy Reiff Miller to Everyone: 11:56 AM
What a beautiful service! Happy for Zoom making it possible for those of us from a distance to participate. I'll just share one quick memory. Al's favorite seagoing cowboy story that he often told is when they had "catnip tea" when a dead cat was found in the ship's water tank. I'm privileged to have known this wonderful man.

From bobgingrich to Everyone: 11:56 AM
I have so many happy memories of games, meals, tennis with Al and so much laughter and joy together with the whole Meyer family. Thanks for your life and love and inclusion of so many into your family. Bob Hooley-Gingrich

From TOyer to Everyone: 11:56 AM

Running along the millrace in Goshen one day in college, I met Al running the other direction. He reversed direction so he could run with me and learn what I was thinking about, and then impress upon me the importance of mentorship, both receiving and giving. After about a mile, he reversed course again to continue on his run. A classic Al Meyer moment, and a memory I treasure both as a gift and a responsibility.

From Bethany and Marshall to Everyone: 11:57 AM

I was a longtime reporter at The Elkhart Truth and Al would ask before every significant local election that Dan Shenk and/or I (Marshall King) would talk with Assembly folks about the local candidates. I would protest, claiming that doing so was dangerous given our commitment to objectivity. And I would do it every single time, given Al's insistence and passion for good conversation, democracy and voting in ways that reflected our Anabaptist values. Al was the moderator and had always carefully prepared and asked great questions. As uncomfortable as it made me at the time, I am deeply grateful to Al for how he worked toward the greater good and deeper understanding for all of us.

From 07 J. Nelson Kraybill to Everyone: 11:58 AM

Ellen & Nelson Kraybill, Elkhart

From John-David Yoder to Everyone: 11:58 AM

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful service. My Uncle Albert was so well described by his granddaughter Maria and my niece Naomi. I'm grateful to have known him, and especially grateful for my wondering cousins and their families... keeping them and Mary Ellen in my thoughts and prayers.

From Karla Minter to Everyone: 11:59 AM

In the context of Open Table's start-up years, Al's administrative experience for shaping new communities of faith, vivid faith, and love for people of all ages was a gift. Thank you!

From Judy Weaver to Everyone: 12:00 PM

Once when I was at the Meyer kitchen table with my friend Anne, Al pointed to a bowl of fruit and asked Mary Ellen, "Does this fruit need to be eaten?" Mary Ellen told him to help himself, then grinned and said to Anne, "I like how your dad makes eating something sound like he's helping with a duty!" He had such a fun sense of humor and such a mischievous smile.

From Rose Haury to Everyone: 12:00 PM

Rose Wiebe Haury, Newton, KS

From Lori Zook-Stanley to Everyone: 12:00 PM

Amidst Al's many contributions, he and Mary Ellen raised five loving children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Al and Mary Ellen created an open, generous home for all who walked through their doors. As one of their daughters' friends (love you, Barb!), I benefited greatly by Al and Mary Ellen's kindness, enthusiasm and love. My love and thoughts to the whole family. You have a wonderful legacy to continue to rely on and to carry on.

From William Mateer to Everyone: 12:01 PM

Bill and Marna Mateer remember meeting Al and Mary Ellen and family through our association at Oak Grove Church, starting in the 1980's, especially at the annual singing of the Messiah. We were always impressed with the interesting conversations with Al after the service. We have been so fortunate to have known the family through Assembly Church. We send our love to the family and appreciate their loving engagement with others and the world.

From Melanie Zuercher to Everyone: 12:10 PM

Bob Regier

Aug 6, 2020, 4:54 PM (2 days ago)

to me

It was way before my time at Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.), but I knew that Al was dean at Bethel in the early '60s (because of my friendship with Kathy — who was born in Newton!). When I learned of Al's death, I sent a note to the Bethel faculty and staff e-mail lists, along with a link to his obituary. I knew not many people would remember him, but that some would. I got about a half-dozen responses, which I've shared with Kathy. Here is one from Bob Regier, professor emeritus of art:Hi Melanie,

Thanks for posting Al Meyer's obituary. Al and Mary Ellen have been dear friends since the early sixties. We received an email from Mary Ellen this morning sharing some reflections about the last days of his life. If it hadn't been for Al I don't think that I would have ended up at Bethel. There are a number of others who could say the same thing. It was interesting to learn of your personal connection with the family. -Bob

From Marlene Kropf to Everyone: 12:11 PM

Both Stanley and I fondly remember working with Al in the Mennonite offices. He warmly welcomed us, offering friendship and wise counsel. His passion for the potential of the church was remarkable, inspiring us to invest our gifts in the church. A special memory for me is working together on the Pastorate Project, where I observed his administrative style and came to understand more fully how important it is to care well for pastors. We will miss him!

From Bruce's iPad to Everyone: 12:12 PM

Bruce and Helen Glick I, Bruce, grew up in the Oak Grove congregation and knew Al and MaryAllen all my life. WHE

From Keith Graber Miller to Everyone: 12:12 PM

I've had a deep appreciation for Al ever since I first met him in the 1980s. More than almost any other church leader I knew, Al seemed to have a genuine interest in any young person from the church he met. He was ever-curious and ever-engaged with both the past and the future of the church and world. He was genuinely open to hearing other honest perspectives, and seemed to consider them thoughtfully. In these last few years, Al, J.R. and Ed have been the three people I've regularly sought out after church. The last time we talked at church, back in the early spring, he was clear that he wanted to talk with me again about the state of the college and the state of the church: what was my view of where things were headed? In addition to his professional work and interest in young people, Al and Mary Ellen also served the church and world immensely by producing and raising such a remarkable group of children, several of whom are good friends. We are immensely grateful for Al's life and witness.

From Loren Swartzendruber to Everyone: 12:12 PM

Al was a mentor for many years and almost everything I knew about Mennonite education I learned from him. His energy was contagious, love for the church constant, always approaching life with a positive spirit. So many good memories. Blessings to Mary Ellen and the entire family.

From RDL to Everyone: 12:13 PM

Robert D. Lerch

From Richard Kauffman to Everyone: 12:17 PM

The story I like to tell about Al is when I was chair of the GC Board of Overseers. He called me one time when I was in the shower. My wife Suzanne said I was running behind getting to ready for a wedding we were going to. Al wouldn't take a no, and insisted he needed to talk with me just then. So Suzanne got me out of the shower to talk with Al. As it turned out, it didn't seem to me as totally urgent as Al thought, but I guess calling me was next on his "to do" list and he needed to have the conversation with me just then. Richard Kauffman

From jlederach to Everyone: 12:17 PM

naomi Lederach few comments re: ME in school of Nursing at GC

From Julia Gautsche to Everyone: 12:18 PM

I knew Al as an Assembly leader, fellow congregant and a constituent of District 4, City Council. He was always interested in the workings of the city and I learned to expect frequent calls and conversations about city projects and ordinances. Al always had good questions and council for me and I appreciated his advice.

From Douglas Swiggum to Everyone: 12:19 PM

Glad to be with you all today, and to remember Al. Though an in-law to a friend-of-family or an in-law of an in-law of family, Al and Mary Ellen always made me and mine feel like family. We are indebted for the many Dixie cups of mahjong betting sticks at New Years!

From Sarah to Everyone: 12:19 PM

I have such warm memories of Uncle Al and my time with him and Mary Ellen in Goshen. Such joy and warmth from the entire family. Sending love to you all.- Sarah Esquerra (Margaret's daughter)

From David Eugene Stoltzfus Lapp Jost to Everyone: 12:20 PM

Before I started at Goshen College, my mom told me that I needed to find Al Meyer and greet him, and that he was such an extraordinary person. I foolishly thought to myself that I wasn't going to be looking for my mom's old friends as a 19 year old first year. Well, I got to GC and went to Assembly and sat in the back. Al came right up to me, shook my hand, and we had a great conversation for about 5 minutes, at the end of which I asked his name. "I'm Al Meyer!" I was totally thrilled from the beginning to know him and enjoyed 7 years in GC 1/Oikos small Group. Al has always been a mentor, friend, and extraordinarily thoughtful person.

From vera smucker shenk to Everyone: 12:21 PM

Dan Shenk here again. Also in 1974 I was a free-lancer, and the Meyer family agreed to be interviewed as part of a series I was doing for Purpose magazine on Christian families. The end result of a meaningful and hilarious (for me) time of interviewing and photographing, then writing, was the piece on Sep 8, 1974, titled "The Meyers: Controlled Chaos and Christian Love." I think my favorite part was the ending, a quote from 8-year-old Elaine: "You know, I LIKE our family, sarcasm and all."

From Julia Gautsche to Everyone: 12:22 PM

And I am so glad Al and Mary Ellen were able to be the first to move into their home in the Mill Race co-housing community.

From Les Gustafson-Zook to Everyone: 12:22 PM

I am indebted to Al and the whole Meyer clan for being such inclusive and warm folks, welcoming us to many family events - as if we were family.

From Melanie Zuercher to Everyone: 12:25 PM

Someone at some point in this service mentioned "the countless college students" who have passed through Al and Mary Ellen's home. This usually meant "for a meal and a long visit." I look back at the months after I graduated from college, before I secured my first full-time job, and realize I would probably have been living in my car if it hadn't been for Al and Mary Ellen generously allowing me to sleep in their basement for a few weeks. I wonder how many others over the years can share similar stories of these two loving and generous people. They didn't judge or scold, they just did what was needed. Thank you.

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 12:26 PM

I visited Al and Mary Ellen's family regularly from far away. Something interesting would always happen in their house. I'd be enlightened about something. I remember that it was busy. There'd be doors opening and closing, and people I didn't know, and the kids were doing something new. Thanksgivings were giant affairs. It could be noisy with lots of conversation! It was fun but overwhelming. I appreciate that others mention Al could FOCUS. It was true. He'd look right at me, telling me something, concentrating on his own direction ; or listening to what I was saying as well as possible, or sometimes what was on TV, or whatever was happening.

From jamesnorton to Everyone: 12:26 PM

Jim Norton, SamHedrin, FoH

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 12:27 PM

Thank you for all these memories. It helps gives words to my memory of Uncle Al

From Julia Reimer to Everyone: 12:27 PM

As noted by many others, Al's interest in people was always so evident. Each time I would see him, he would ask about my work, our family, etc. Even these last years, his desire to connect was so strong.

From Jim & Terri Brenneman to Everyone: 12:27 PM

We are grateful, especially, for Al's early encouragement of the importance of our insights and leadership in the Mennonite Church, while we were still young 30-somethings trying to form Pasadena Mennonite Church (Pasadena CA) . Later, he was a strong supporter of Terri serving alongside him on the Mennonite General Board. Al and Mary Ellen were the very first couple to welcome us with a meal at the Carriage House! (South Bend) when we came to Goshen College. While president of GC, Al became a strong-behind-the-scenes counsel meetings that we would have over the years: sometimes agreeing, sometimes his suggesting things quite radical for a MC College, sometimes disagreeing with me, but always graciously supporting me at a level deeper, higher, wider than our immediate disagreements. Our lives are better for having been cared for and supported by Al Meyer. God bless you Mary Ellen and family for sharing Al with us so generously. Jim and Terri Plank Brenneman

From Douglas Kaufman to Everyone: 12:27 PM

I have so appreciated knowing Al and Mary Ellen. I moved from being a student at Assembly to later being the "overseer" there, or what I called an "alongsideseer." Al offered me written and verbal counsel about how I could support the congregation in this role. It has also been a privilege the past 20 years to be a pastor to about half of their children. They are a gifted and hospitable family!

From Julia Reimer to Everyone: 12:29 PM

Holding the whole clan in the Light.

From Stan's iPad to Everyone: 12:29 PM

i was privileged to learn physics under Al's excellent teaching. The clarity with which he presented the material was unparalleled. i especially remember how he introduced

From Stan's iPad to Everyone: 12:32 PM

introduced us to Relativity.. I took good notes in his class, made easy by his clear concept of where the lecture was headed. he asked me for a copy of my notes, and we decided to drive to Notre Dame where they had a modern copy machine. on the way, we

From jamesnorton to Everyone: 12:32 PM

Mine washy mistake

From Jep Hostetler to Everyone: 12:32 PM

Al was a beloved member of our Tuesday Samhedrin group. Also, we were in their small group when we came to Goshen.....OPEN door was their policy. So supportive, so loving, and so challenging. We had great affection for Al and Mary Ellen.

From MICHAEL OMALLEY to Everyone: 12:34 PM

Janet Steiner from Washington, DC

From Lane Meyer-Reed to Everyone: 12:34 PM

Amen, Ruthann!

From Stan's iPad to Everyone: 12:34 PM

...On the way, he got to talking, and missed the turn and drove about half an hour too far before he realized it and turned around. i was awarded the copy while he got to keep the originals. Al was a role model for me in many ways. stan Kaufman

From Tim Nafziger to Everyone: 12:35 PM

So beautiful, Ruthann, thank you. As part of the Assembly Diaspora, I am so grateful for the work you all did together long ago and over the years.

From Tom Yoder Neufeld to Everyone: 12:36 PM

I didn't know until this wonderful service that Uncle Al started measuring things early on. It turns out that I'm reading a German novel about Alexander von Humboldt, entitled Die Vermessung der Welt (the measuring of the world). The thought struck me that he and old Alexander would have made great traveling companions with their voracious curiosity and love for the world. I will miss my many wonderful conversations with Al, and his intense interest in what I was up to. Love to the whole family. His nephew by marriage.

From tkoon to Everyone: 12:36 PM

I owe my life long involvement in small groups as central part of church to Al who formed one or more such groups for students when I was a student at Bethel. A great gift, among many others.

From Don & Connie to Everyone: 12:37 PM

I was fortunate to serve as Al's assistant on the Mennonite Board of Education staff. This led to the opportunity later in his life to assist him with his memoirs over the course of a year or so. What a privilege to review with him highlights of his life and to be reminded again of what was important to him and how he had influenced me.

From Anne to Everyone: 12:37 PM
and Anne Hershberger

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 12:38 PM

I visited Assembly church with Al on many visits to Goshen and he was kind to include me and introduce me around. It was good to be seated near him because he knew what would happen and so many people. And because I don't know the music and I sing terribly but since he would sing LOUDLY so nobody could hear me. It was nice of him to do that for me. :-)

From Anne to Everyone: 12:40 PM

A very special person Al was and we will miss him!
Al was a very special person! Ab & Anne Hershberger.

From Beverly Lapp to Everyone: 12:40 PM

Lovely words, Ruth and a fitting way too close to the sharing. I'm grateful to you and Al and other Assembly founders and elders.

From John to Everyone: 12:41 PM

I remember Jacob G. Meyer reunions that often Al helped organize and my dad (Fred E. Meyer) would always attend with our family. The reunions always seemed to go by so quickly, and quite noisy when we were indoors around lunch time. So much energy and enthusiasm and joy to see each other. I have many memories of Al, Mary Ellen, and children from GC days, and loved spending any time I could with all of them whenever possible. Al and his entire family blessed so many lives with their friendship and contributions in the church, school, work and wherever they connected with others along the way.

From kevinmiller to Everyone: 12:42 PM

I watch these photos and weep with gratitude for a life of such passion, insight, and commitment to the Kingdom of God and to Mennonite higher education. Praise be to God for a life so well lived! — Becky Stoltzfus

From rebecca oyer to Everyone: 12:42 PM

Thanks again for the beautiful slide show, it's hard to say goodbye! Love and blessings to you.

From Gwen Gustafson-Zook to Everyone: 12:42 PM

In many ways I knew Al through Mary Ellen. While Mary Ellen was helping to form the Faith Mennonite Church, Al was in the background: supportive, encouraging and interested. And so, as a young pastor at Faith, Al was supportive of me. And he has continued to offer support, encouragement and interest through the years, up to these final years when I've been a fellow member with him at Open Table. I am grateful to Al and Mary Ellen - and to their family - for their gracious inclusion and support over these many years.

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 12:43 PM

@Tom Yoder Neufeld: YES — von Humboldt — classification and curiosity. Interesting connection

From Peter Meyer to Everyone: 12:44 PM

Lovely slides! A full life.

From John Hershberger to Everyone: 12:45 PM

Thankful for the testimonies of this life lived so well .

From Sally Oyer to Everyone: 12:46 PM

One of my favorite memories of the Meyer family is the Christmas we spent at Mont des Oiseaux when Al and my dad were on sabbatical and living in Europe - they in France and we in Austria. Thus began many, many years of The Sing - Al would walk through the door with a suitcase full of hymnals, and we would sing, eat, read Advent scriptures, talk and laugh long into the evening. I think we sang an Al Meyer re-write of the hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter" at some point along the way, since winter for him was anything but bleak.

From Beverly Lapp to Everyone: 12:47 PM

Thank you for the inspiring service - I am inspired by Al's life and the tributes spoken and written, and hope for a small measure of Al's energy, compassion, hospitality, and commitment.

From Les Gustafson-Zook to Everyone: 12:48 PM

Hugs to Mary Ellen and each of the family!