



Virgil Theophil Bening

October 23, 1944 - March 1, 2023

Virgil Theophil Bening was born October 23, 1944, in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, to Sidney Valentine Bening and Rosa Ida (Bornfleth) Bening. He died at home in Claremore, Oklahoma, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the age of 78 years. At the age of 13, he began school at Concordia College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, completing his high school education and junior college education there. From there Virgil went to Concordia College in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for senior college, followed by two years at Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois. He then began his 1-year vicarage at Faith Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado, where he met and married his wife, Carolyn. Virgil was united in marriage to Carolyn Jean Carstens on August 23, 1969, at Faith Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado. Virgil finished his final year of seminary and was ordained as a minister into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at his home congregation, Zion Lutheran in Burnett, Wisconsin. He was installed at Zion Lutheran Church in Claflin, Kansas, in July 1970, serving there until August 1979. He accepted a call in September to Faith Lutheran Church in Prescott, Michigan, serving there until his retirement in October of 2004.

Virgil enjoyed fishing, making stained glass items, and doing handyman projects, as well as attending various concerts and musical events, and spending time with his family. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include his loving wife Carolyn, of over 53 years; daughter Brenda Matasovsky and husband Steve, of Jackson, Minnesota; son Jarrod Bening and wife Denyse of Cedar Springs, Michigan; grandchildren Sarah Matasovsky, Jayson Matasovsky, and Alexys Bening; brother Curtis Bening and wife Elaine, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Final resting place will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery in Adair, Oklahoma. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church
2550 East 71st Street
Tulsa, OK 74136

Tribute Wall

KB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Ken & Karen Bender

Ken & Karen Bender - March 08, 2023 at 03:41 PM

LB

“ We didn't know him well, though loved hearing him preach.
So saddened to hear of his passing but, thankful he sits in
the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Rest in peace
Pastor Bening



Lisa Bellmard - March 07, 2023 at 11:07 PM

JH

“ To Carolyn and family, sharing in your sorrow and praying the Lord will hold you in
His arms and give you His comfort & peace. What a joy it has been to have you,
as Pastor served us at Bethlehem for an extended time following the passing of
Pastor Steven Hummel. It was a sad time for us and you both were so kind and
helped us through our sorrow. You became one of us immediately and will always
be appreciated for your service to us. Our love and prayers, Jane Harding and the
members of Bethlehem Lutheran at Adair.

Jane Harding - March 07, 2023 at 08:26 PM

RW

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carolyn and family at Pastor Bening's passing.
Pastor and Carolyn were special friends for us during our time together.

Bob and Lavona Wyckoff

Robert and Lavona Wyckoff - March 25, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RR

“ We enjoyed EVERY MINUTE we spent with Pastor Virgil and his lovely Carolyn.
He was an amazing preacher and an incredible man of God. We will miss him
deeply. Our love to Carolyn. David, Roma and David Robert Ramthun

Roma Ramthun - March 07, 2023 at 01:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Virgil Theophil Bening.*



March 07, 2023 at 11:49 AM

SM

“ *Sandy & Lynn Moeller purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Virgil Theophil Bening.*



Sandy & Lynn Moeller - March 07, 2023 at 10:52 AM