



Rev. O.E. Krohn

May 29, 1929 - December 4, 2015

On Friday December, 4th, 2015, the soul of Rev. O. E. Krohn did its final “lift off” from the earth to be with Christ, his Lord and Savior. He was 86 years, and 6 months of age, but knew that every day was a gift from God to be fully lived.

Orville E. Krohn, Emeritus was born May 29, 1929, at Carroll, NE, to Rev. Dr. H.F. Krohn and Augusta Siegert, the 6th of 7 children – 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He was received into God’s Kingdom of grace by baptism on June 9, 1929, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Carroll. He attended parochial school, and later confessed his personal faith in Christ Jesus at the time of his confirmation, March 29, 1942, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Sidney, NE. (Confirmation verse: I Tim. 6: 12)

He took his preparatory studies for the Lutheran ministry at St. John’s High School and College at Winfield, KS. (1943 – 1948). He received his BA in 1950 and his Theological diploma in 1953 from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He served his internship/vicarage at St. John’s, LaPorte, IN. He and his loving wife, Lorraine D. Baumgartner, were united in marriage on July 18, 1953, at Church of the Good Shepherd, Chicago, IL, with both of their fathers officiating. Their marriage of 62 years has been blessed with four children: Anita (with Ralph Gerdes) of Springfield, MO, Mark (with Amy) Krohn of Las Cruces, NM, Rev. Kevin (with Karen) of Ruidoso, NM, and Wendy (with Kim) Northcutt of Roswell.

They were also blessed with 10 grandchildren: Collin and Danny Muldoon;

Caitlin, Marcus, and Kristina Krohn; Kristen Krohn; Heather, Kayla and Wyatt Northcutt. Three sisters and three brothers and one grandson, Michael Paul Krohn, preceded him in death.

After being ordained into the holy ministry, he served parishes in Shelton and Lowell, NE (1953-1956); Las Cruces, NM (1956-1961); Alliance, NE (1961-1978) and Roswell, NM (1978-1994). In addition to his service as parish pastor for 41 years, he also served the No. Nebr. District as Circuit Counselor (1963-1970); the Wyoming District as Vice-President (1970-1978); and the Rocky Mountain District as regional Vice-President (1986-1994). Since retirement on his 65th birthday in 1994, he continued to serve as district coordinator for the 150th Anniversary of the LC-MS, as well as pulpit-supply throughout NM. He devoted some of his leisure time to flying; building his own aircraft, "Wings on the Wind" (1995-2001), which has flown for over 525 hours. Above and beyond all his endeavors, he by the grace of God, remained a true servant of Christ and a faithful pastor all the days of his life.

Interment was at the South Park Cemetery with only a family committal service. A Memorial Service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1405 N. Sycamore Ave., Roswell, NM on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 11:00 AM with Pastor Robert Paul officiating. The family has requested no flowers & memorials be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Roswell, The Lutheran Hour – St. Louis, MO, Lutheran World Relief, or Focus on the Family.

"Those we love are with the Lord and He has promised to be with us. If they are with Him, and He with us...They cannot be far away." (By Peter Marshall)

We mark his passing not as those without hope, but confident in the unfailing promises of the very Christ Whom he confessed. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever...But as for me, it is good to draw near to God. I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all your works. "(Ps. 73: 23-28)

Tombstone Engraved: "Celebrate Life – in Christ!"
"Every day I have is a gift from God
An extra day I would never have had."

This is true for each of us,
Life itself is a gift
Even our very birth – a miracle!

Obituary lovingly written by the family.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Orville with his family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. O.E. Krohn*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Lorraine and family, Long ago memories of Orville being our pastor when we lived in Alliance in 1967. Cousin Eileen (Krohn) Sprouls. Then Henry was our vacancy pastor in Kimball, Ne, Comfort to you and the family, Assured of a reunion in Heaven.*

Eileen Sprouls - December 10, 2015 at 07:34 PM



Will send memorial offering to the Lutheran hour.

Eileen Sprouls - December 10, 2015 at 07:36 PM



“ *We offer our sincerest condolences to the family & friends of Pastor Krohn. He was our beloved & faithful Pastor, shepherding and preaching the gospel to members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for over 18 years. We will miss him dearly.
Love in Christ,
Hugh & Elaine Taylor*

Hugh & Elaine Taylor - December 07, 2015 at 11:38 PM



Condolences to the family and friends of Pastor Krohn. Although many years removed from Roswell I have fond memories of Pastor Krohn during the years he was my Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran.

Cliff Wagner, Peoria, AZ

Cliff Wagner - December 09, 2015 at 08:58 AM