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Eugene Butterfield passed away unexpectedly Wednesday morning, April 18, 2018, surrounded by those who loved him. In leu of flowers, please make donations to Winds of Fire Church, PO Box 1242, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501 to go towards missions. Eugene John Butterfield was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and it was there that he met and married the love of his life, Pauline Geary. They built a wonderful life together, having 6 children: Paul, Karen, Janice, Gene, Eileen and Eva, and getting involved in all things related to their church. Gene went to seminary because he had such a love for God and wanted to learn more about Him so that he could tell others of the awesome love he had found. After completing seminary, he started pastoring churches all over New England. Whether times were good or bad, he and Pauline taught their children to be grateful for all that they had and to share with those in need. Gene always said his first ministry was his family, and he made sure they knew the awesome power of God. Gene and Pauline both had the desire to travel to other countries and share the message of Jesus. When he was preaching, he held nothing back. He knew the importance of knowing Jesus personally and didn't want to waste any moment. Known as Superman all over the globe, Gene would leap over pews to get to someone, to get his point across. He would get in people's faces when needed or he would speak gently coupled with a loving embrace. Gene moved entirely by the Spirit of God. He always said that without God he could do nothing, but with God, he was bold and bodacious and fearless. The couple have family all over the world. With travels to Holland, England, Guatemala, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad, and Panama, it was hard not to adopt kids as grandchildren, young men and women as children, and others as brothers and sisters in Christ. However no matter how many countries they went to, they always took time to visit their own children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Gene (and Pauline) was only a phone call away or a few blocks away when advice, prayer, or simple laughter



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was needed. He loved to joke around, and his family never knew what he would say or do next with his silly sense of humor. Their house was always full of laughter and love, and there was nothing more exciting for their grandchildren than to sit and hear stories of other countries and what God had done there. The last few years, Gene lovingly took care of Pauline as her health declined. He may not have always felt like he was doing any good, but from the perspective of his family, they could see the unconditional love he had for her even in the simple things like brushing her hair or helping her put her shoes on. After she went to be with her Savior in December of 2017, Gene decided to travel and visit his family. Then in March, he was able to return to Colombia with his son Paul, a trip he had longed to make for many years. There, he was reunited with many he had ministered to in the past and was able to preach the good news of God to even more new faces. He then returned to the United States where he spent time with more family and eventually passed away surrounded by those who loved him. After all he did here on this earth, his giving goes beyond death. His healthy tissues and skin will be donated through the LIFESHARE organ program, which will benefit burn victims and mastectomy patients in the future. Though his passing was unexpected and a great shock to all who knew and loved him, their grief is just in the physical world. They know that Gene loved and served God with his whole being and that he was welcomed into heaven with the words "Well done, my good and faithful servant." He was also reunited with his love, Pauline, and two of their children, Janice and Gene. While it's difficult right now to picture life without Dad/Grandpa/friend, all who knew him know that Gene finished his race and is Home. Memorial Services will be held May 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Winds of Fire Church, 120 – 9th St NW, Ft Dodge, IA 50501.



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LB

Larry And Marlene Brunell posted:

We are so sorry for your loss, we could not imagine what you and your family are going through. We will keep you all in our prayers.

May 11 at 11:11 AM

BD

Bobette Downing posted:

Karen, What a wonderful legacy! You and the girls are in my prayers. He is now forever young. I see where you got the faith & strength that you had from the first time I met you many years ago. May The Peace of our Lord rest upon your family.

April 25 at 5:29 PM

KJ

Kimberly Jewell posted:

Karen, I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. But wow, what a great man of God. I am so thankful that he allowed God to use him in such mighty ways to reach so many people all over the world. It's quite clear that God used your father to change so many lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God give you His peace that passes all understanding during this difficult time.

April 24 at 11:54 AM

CL

Chris And Lisa posted:

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of such a great man. You are in our prayers....In Love, The Poltracks

April 22 at 2:29 PM

JD

Joan D posted:

He was a friend to many including my family..My mom was good friends with his wife and she was in my moms wedding so the whole family was close to us..i love you all and am so sorry for your loss..Your dad was a pastor a wonderful man of God and is now in heaven with janice who was a good friend of mine till she died by accident and he will be reunited with his youngest son Gene and his wife who died close to christmas.

April 22 at 11:30 AM



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EB

Ed Bowman posted:

To the family and close friends...Pastor Gene was an impact on my life, as a teenager, that has never been forgotten. Fact is, though I chose to leave the Lord for many years, Pastor Gene would come to my memory at times. Your family has a deep love in my memories of you Folks...I know this is a "bitter sweet" moment, but I also know we ALL look forward to the day when we ALL are together worshipping Yeshua together with our loved ones whom have gone on before us. Much love to you all...

April 22 at 11:14 AM

RM

Rita Main posted:

Karen this is so hard to believe. I love you, your in my heart & prayers. I guess it was God that put you on my mind this week & thinking we still hadn't got together after our Mom's died. I'm so sorry. Your parents are united now. Girls I love you, so sorry this happened so close together.

April 21 at 10:58 AM

CT

Cathi Tompkins posted:

Karen, I am so very sorry for the passing of your dad, I know how much you loved him! My thoughts and my prayers are with you and your family during this time. May God's peace and love give you much comfort. Love you, Cathi??

April 20 at 12:48 PM

KH

Kim Henderson posted:

This Great Man of God touched so many , me being one of them. He was always smiling and welcoming. Always having a kind word, or laugh to share. He will be missed here on earth, but I know he is rejoicing in Heaven and being welcomed home. My prayers for peace and comfort go to all the family who will surely miss him. But they will see him one day again.

April 19 at 5:07 PM

KC

Kathleen Campbell posted:

Such a good and loving man will be truly missed

April 19 at 1:21 PM



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