



## John Wesley Rosenberger

April 11, 1938 - December 5, 2018

John Wesley Rosenberger, 80, of Casselberry, died on December 5, 2018 at Winter Park hospital of natural causes. He was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to John Anthony Rosenberger and Evelyn Roberta Wightman on April 11, 1938. He attended Cedar Falls High School and graduated with the class of 1956. He continued on to Vennard College, University Park, Iowa, and then to Drake Theological Seminary in Des Moines, Iowa, where he earned his Master of Divinity.

He was commissioned in May 1967 into the United States Army. He deployed as a Chaplain (Captain) in the Counter Offensive Phase VI and the TET 69 Counter Offensive between November 1968 and November 1969. He served in a M.A.S.H. unit, and received two Bronze Star medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He married Lola Mae Erb of Amenia, North Dakota, on November 21, 1969. They had two children.

He was an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and part of Iowa Conference. He served several wonderful churches over his 39-year Iowa career in Central City, Meservey, Walcott and Hartley, Iowa. He retired in 2001 and moved to the Orlando area. There, he took a part-time pastoral position at

Bear Lake United Methodist Church, Apopka, in 2003. He remained at Bear Lake until his second retirement in 2015.

He was known for his sense of humor, his affinity for nicknames, his love of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Minnesota Vikings.

He is survived by his wife, Lola; their daughter Mary Ann of Palm Coast (Lt. Colonel Christian Magnell); Anthony John of Oklahoma City; grandchildren Calvin Brotherton of Iowa City, Iowa; Wesley and Margaret Magnell of Palm Coast; as well as sisters Virginia (Damgaard), Sally (Robinson) and Mary (Kough) of Iowa, and Susannah (Rice), Maryland.

A funeral service will be held December 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, with visitation at 2:00 p.m. An interment will follow, with military honors, at the Veterans cemetery in Bushnell.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a Global Impact Missions, a clean water initiative that builds clean-water wells in Kenya. Donations can be made to: Global Impact Missions, P.O. Box 910254, Lexington, KY, 40591.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Dearest Lola, I'm just seeing this about John's passing. I don't know if you'll ever see this, but I wanted to send my love to you. I loved reading about John's life and the many people he served. You were always such a fun girl to be around....I trust your smile and laugh is carrying you through the days without John. We know he is rejoicing in his Heavenly home❤️

Joyce Grosvenor Ringgenberg - March 21, 2021 at 01:14 PM

NP

“ Most men have adopted "brothers" in their lives...trusted friends. Rosy was my first "brother" both having sisters and both in high school sports. As average academic students we felt we were not ready for college and planned to join the Army . When Superintendent Harold found out (via his daughter, Naomi, a fellow class mate) he called us into his office (what major trouble were we in now?). He simply informed us we were to go up the hill to Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) and enroll, no questions asked. Yes, we both went to college (John to Vennard) and the rest is history as you read his life story and my life journey via Google. Rosy is now at peace and I look forward to hooking up again in a few years. I now celebrate his life. Norm Peters

Norm Peters - December 12, 2018 at 11:49 AM

RH

“ We as a family, will always be forever grateful to Pastor John for his fun loving personality and the time he spent with us at the Hartley United Methodist Church. The last service that Pastor John performed was the wedding ceremony for our Daughter Erin and her husband Matt on June 23, 2001. Thank you. You will be missed!

Ruth Hobson - December 09, 2018 at 06:32 PM

JM

“ I have so many wonderful memories of John (we always called him Rosy). We hung out together, played baseball and basketball but most of all we had a quartet which included two other friends and we would sing not only for our own enjoyment but would sometimes be asked to perform at various functions. I consider myself so lucky to have been friends with such a decent and caring person. I will miss you Rosy.

Jay

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**Jay McGrew** - December 08, 2018 at 10:06 AM

HB

“ To Lola and the family, we send our sincere condolences in memory of a wonderful man. We are members of the Hartley United Methodist church and have many fond memories of Pastor John. We thank him for his service to his country during the Viet Nam War.

May he rest in peace at the right hand of the Lord.

Carol and Howard Borchard

Hartley, Iowa

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**Howard Borchard** - December 07, 2018 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ A true man of God. Prays to you Tony and the family.

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**John Pepe** - December 06, 2018 at 08:42 PM

Dennis  
Dean

“ *Johns smile was always infectious. I always enjoyed seeing and visiting with John, and talking sports.* ”



Dennis Dean - December 06, 2018 at 07:20 PM



*We called him Sonny and that name fit him well. He liked me when not everyone did. He encouraged me and I am grateful to have known him. He was always calm.*

Gerald Hayes - December 08, 2018 at 01:53 AM

PA

“ *I could not ask for better in-laws than John and Lola! The first time I met John he made me feel like an old friend. He loved everyone and made them feel good and feel welcome. He will leave a giant hole in many lives, mostly his family! His sense of humor will be missed. Lola and family, you lost a wonderful man, but God gained a godly man. We all love you, John!* ”



Patty Amundson - December 06, 2018 at 06:55 PM