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Leif Wittich Pohl, 64

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Services: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 2, Grace Lutheran Church, 2107 Cedar St. Visitation: 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1, Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home.

MUSCATINE, Iowa - The Rev. Leif A. Pohl, 64, Muscatine, died Saturday, May 28, 2005, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Bishop Phillip Hougen, former Bishop Paul Werger, the Rev. Don Sondrol, chaplains Cindy Breed, Martha Lang and Vicki Pedersen will co-officiate.

Per his wishes, his body has been cremated. The Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, the Grace Lutheran Church Renovation Fund and the family asks that people donate blood in his honor. Online condolences for the Pohl family may be left at www.wittichfuneralhome.com.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Neil A. Pohl and Frieda Radtke Pohl. He married Janice J. Forsyth on May 28, 1966, at Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines.

He was a 1958 graduate of Brookfield High School, Brookfield, Wis. He obtained a bachelor's degree in botany in 1962 from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He attended Maywood Seminary in Maywood, Ill. from 1962-'66. During his third year of seminary, he interned at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Des Moines. He graduated from Maywood Seminary May 19, 1966, with a Master's of Divinity degree.

He was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Lutheran Church of America on June 12, 1966, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He served as an associate pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Muncie, Ind., and part-time campus pastor at Ball State

University from June 1966 until March 1969. He served as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Owensboro, Ky., from March 1969 until March 1976. He served as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in South Haven (Valparaiso), Ind., from March 1976 through July 1985. He has served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Muscatine, Iowa, from Aug. 1, 1985, until his death, May 28, 2005.

He was dean of conference No. 7 (Iowa City area) of the Southeast Iowa Synod of ELCA for the past two years. He was an active member of the Muscatine Ministerial Association. He is a past board member of the Commission on Aging, now known as Senior Resources. He served as chaplain of Unity Hospice. He was serving on the board of Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He was a regular donor to the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Janice J. Pohl of Muscatine; three sons, Eric A. Pohl and wife, Christy, of Rock Island, Ill., twin sons, Andrew J. Pohl and wife, Cassandra, of Troy, Ohio, and Thomas J. Pohl and wife, Christina, of Urbandale; one daughter, Jennifer L. Pohl-Staack of Urbandale, and her special friend, Nathan J. Carlson; nine grandchildren, Devin G. Staack, Christian T. Staack, Sean A. Pohl, twins, Matthew L. and William A. Pohl, Catelyn E. Pohl, Neil A. Pohl, Megan E. Pohl, and Joshua J. Pohl; and two sisters, Merry Lobrecht and husband, Richard, of Kingwood, Texas, and K.C. Lobrecht and husband, David, of Mounds, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Nancy Mallett.



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BORN

22 September 1940
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

DIED

28 May 2005

SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

Catelyn E Pohl **daughter**
Neil A Pohl **son**
Megan E Pohl **daughter**
Joshua J Pohl **son**
Janice J Forsyth **wife**
Janice J Pohl **wife**
Eric A Pohl **son**
Andrew J Pohl **son**
Thomas J Pohl **son**
Jennifer L Pohl-Staack **daughter**
Sean A Pohl **son**
Matthew L Pohl **son**
William A Pohl **son**

PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Nancy Mallett **sister**
Merry Lobrecht **sister**
K C Lobrecht **sister**
Neil A Pohl **father**
Frieda Radtke Pohl **mother**

EXTENDED FAMILY

Cassandra Pohl **daughter-in-law**
Richard Lobrecht **brother-in-law**
David Lobrecht **brother-in-law**
Christy Pohl **daughter-in-law**
Christina Pohl **daughter-in-law**
Devin G Staack **grandson**
Christian T Staack **grandson**