



Dr. James Keith Norton

September 26, 1926 - August 7, 2013

Dr. James Keith Norton, age 86, of Pontiac, Michigan went to be with his Lord and Savior Wednesday morning, August 7, 2013 at Canterbury on the Lakes in Waterford, Michigan. Jim was born on September 26, 1926 in Dafter, Michigan the son of the late John and Bertha (Bonner) Norton. On June 4, 1951, Jim married Audrey Marian Morrison, daughter of the late Clayton T. Morrison, state representative from Pickford. Soon after, they departed for Japan where they spent the majority of their adult lives serving as missionaries, sharing their Christian faith for 49 years, founded 7 churches during his years of ministry in Japan. He also traveled throughout the country as an evangelist and saw many who called upon Christ for salvation. He also traveled to the Philippines and South Korea on a number of evangelistic mission trips. Dr. Norton wrote a number of poems, many of which have been published in book form. He was a member of the International Society of Poets, and was recognized as a "distinguished member". Jim is survived by his wife: Audrey Norton of Pontiac, MI; four sons: Jimmie Norton of Ft. Mitchel, Alabama, Thomas (& Sheila) Norton of South Korea, Bryce Norton of Pontiac, MI and Joseph (& Mary) Norton of Cincinnati, OH; a daughter: Kathleen (& John) Nelson of Hong Kong; 16 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers: Robert, Jack, Alban, and Roy; and a sister, Lucille Smith. A visitation will be held from 2:00 PM until 5:30 PM on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August

12, 2013 at Fundamental Baptist Church with Pastor Tim Rader officiating.
Burial will be at Kinross Lakeview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I praised God for this man of God. I was his interpreter when we did a evangelistic crusade in the north part (Alicia, Isabela) of the Philippines.*

Pastor Melvin Pascual - September 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thinking about you, Dad.*

Bryce Norton - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dr. Norton's dignity and soul-winning zeal set an example for us that continues to yield souls.*

We and the Maranatha Baptist Church in Minakami will continue to remember Mrs. Norton in prayer.

Tom & Kazuko Tierney - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Audrey and family,
What a blessing Pastor Norton was in my life! He lead me to the Lord on November 10, 1972 at Rudard Bible Church while home on Furlough from Japan. I was sitting in a pew by myself before Wednesday night services started. Pastor Norton was sitting in the pew in front of me. He turned around and asked me if I know I was going to Heaven. When I said no, he came and sat beside me, opened his Bible and shared with me the plan of salvation, and the consequences of not receiving Christ as my Saviour. I bowed my head and invited Jesus into my life. The following Sunday morning I went forward for baptism. Christ has been my Pillar of Light and Strength since that evening in November of '72. I thank God for a loving missionary, who came all the way from Japan to show me the way to Jesus! Love in Christ, Carol Dale Lewis

Carol Lewis - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Uncle Jim will be missed. Our thoughts and Prayers are with Aunt Audrey and family. We will miss the great feeling of comfort always felt when in his presence.

Gary & Janine Norton - August 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM