

Darrel M. Hostetler, 91, Goshen, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, at Greencroft Healthcare. He was born Jan. 16, 1933, in Farmerstown, Ohio, to Atlee & Nettie (Friedt) Hostetler. On Aug. 15, 1954, he married Marian (Brendle) Hostetler. Surviving him are his wife, Marian, Goshen; two sons, Bruce (Laura Chisholm) Hostetler, Portland, Oregon, Rick (Kim) Hostetler, Goshen; two daughters, Brenda (Rich) Meyer, Millersburg, Anne (Kobi) Menahemy, Oakland, California; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and a sister, Joanne (Nelson) Kilmer, Hesston, Kansas. Preceding him in death are his parents; his son, Michael Alan Hostetler; and four siblings, Anna Hostetler, Robert Hostetler, Richard Hostetler & Louise Evans. Darrel was a 1951 graduate of Berlin High School, Berlin, Ohio and a 1955 graduate of Goshen College with degrees in music and theology. He later received an MA in choral music at the University of Iowa and an MDiv from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Over the years, he taught music and Bible at Iowa Mennonite School and Bethany Christian High School, served as Executive Director at Walnut Hill Daycare, and administrator at Mennonite Disabilities Committee. He and Marian were missionaries in Nigeria from 1963-1965 and did voluntary service in Eswatini (Swaziland) from 1979-1982. In his later years Darrel worked as a CNA, drove taxi and medical transportation, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. A member of North Goshen Mennonite Church, he served as assistant pastor there for a time, and minister of music for 36 years. Darrel directed the Evergreen Singers and the MCC Relief Sale Men's Chorus. Among other things, he will be remembered for his love of music, his listening and openness to people and ideas, and his sense of humor. The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th St., Goshen. Pastor Nick King will officiate.

Memorial donations may be directed to MCC or the Center for Healing and Hope.

Rieth Rohrer Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen, is handling arrangements.



How can I Keep from Singing?

Darrel Hostetler

Memorial Service

Jan 16, 1933— January 31, 2024

North Goshen Mennonite Church



Darrel Mervin Hostetler (1933-2024) --- Marian Susanna Brendle (1932)

Siblings:

Robert Lowell Hostetler (1923-2011)

Anna Gertrude Hostetler (1927-1938)

Richard Dale Hostetler (1928-2019)

JoAnne (Hostetler) Kilmer (1941)

Louise (Hostetler) Evans (1943-2023)

Children:

Brenda Sue (Hostetler) Meyer (1957) --- Richard Meyer

Anne Marie Hostetler Menahemy (1958) --- Kobi Menahemy

Bruce Akpan Hostetler (1965) --- Laura Chisholm

Richard William Hostetler (1966) --- Kimberly (Guthrie) Hostetler

Michael Alan Hostetler (1967-1970)

Grandchildren:

Carl Jacob Meyer (1980) --- Karissa Loewen

Miriam Suzanne (1982) --- Erin Rollman

Jonny Alan Gerig Meyer (1986) --- Hannah Gerig Meyer

Ilan Menahemy (1999)

Tamir Menahemy (2001)

Leah Cynthia Hostetler (1998)

Aidan Michael Hostetler (2000)

Kayla Janee (Hostetler) Dean (1989) --- Justin Dean

Jared Michael Hostetler (1993) --- Jessica (Campbell) Hostetler

Jakob Ryan Hostetler (2001) --- EmiLee (Beck) Hostetler

Great-grandchildren:

Emory David Meyer Loewen (2007)

Owen Alan Gerig Meyer (2016)

Miko Alvin Meyer Loewen (2014)

Chase David Lee Raley (2009)

Gracie Rose Gerig Meyer (2013)

Camden Ray Hostetler (2019)

Memorial Service

For

Darrel Hostetler

Prelude: By Miko Meyer Loewen, Gracie Geig Meyer and
Emory Meyer Loewen (Great-grandchildren)

Welcome, opening prayer: Nick King

Hymn: Diane Hertzler, song leader

Come, come ye saints Blue Hymnal 425

We Shall walk Through the Valley Blue Hymnal 412

Obituary: Carl Meyer (oldest grandchild)

Never Weather-Beaten Saile: Greg Hostetler, solist (nephew)
Renee Huibregste, accompanist (niece)

Remembrances: Mervin Helmuth, Bruce Hostetler (son)

I have decided to Follow Jesus Purple Hymnal 443

Guide My Feet Purple Hymnal 816

Scripture: Luke 4:18-19 Nick King

Meditation: Jerry Wittrig

For We are Strangers No More Purple Hymnal 409

Prayer of Commendation: Izaete Nafziger

Lift Your Glad Voices Purple Hymnal 340

Invitation to Meal and Blessing: Nick King

My Life Flows On Purple Hymnal 605

