



Pastor James R. Taglauer

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Pastor James R. Taglauer passed away on Friday, February 14, 2025. He was born in Frankenlust, Bay County, MI on July 7, 1934.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris Elaine Bauer Taglauer; his children, Brian Taglauer, Kristi Taglauer and son-in-law Doug Nodurft, Julie Taglauer, Lisa Taglauer and Heidi Taglauer Bowsbey and son-in-law Clark Bowsbey; his grandchildren Rory Gonlag, Jessie Springer, Jenna Fucci, Justine Fucci, Bailee Stern, Bryce Bowsbey, Hayden Bowsbey, Amanda Bowsbey, Kyle Bowsbey, Matthew George, Joshua George and 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sibling Rev. Kenneth Taglauer, and nieces, nephews, cousins, and wonderful lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Laura Baiser Taglauer and Robert Taglauer; and siblings, Marian Taglauer Meehlader; Eileen Taglauer Zoellner; and his son Robert Matthew Taglauer.

Pastor Taglauer most recently served as interim Pastor and pianist for New Life Lutheran Church in Folsom, Louisiana. He served as senior Pastor at First English Lutheran Church in New Orleans from 1980 to 1997, after which he retired. He completed seminary and was ordained at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO in 1974. Prior to this he taught at Concordia College in New York, at Christ Lutheran in North Carolina and was Director of Education of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Maryland. Pastor Taglauer established FEME, First English Mission Events, with a mission to provide alternative water and food sources for rural and international communities. FEME efforts also included construction of school buildings and other structures in areas of need. His love of woodworking helped to financially support the efforts of FEME. You became fast friends with him if you shared his passion for fishing, salt or freshwater.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Pastor Taglauer may be made to Lutheran High School in Metairie, Louisiana www.lutheranhighschool.net or Lutheran World Relief www.lwr.org



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Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services at Holy Trinity Lutheran Ministries, 1 N. Marigold, Covington LA 70433 on Tuesday, February 18th, 2025, at 12 noon with visitation at church on Tuesday beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment to follow on Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, in Auburn, Michigan.

The Taglauer family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



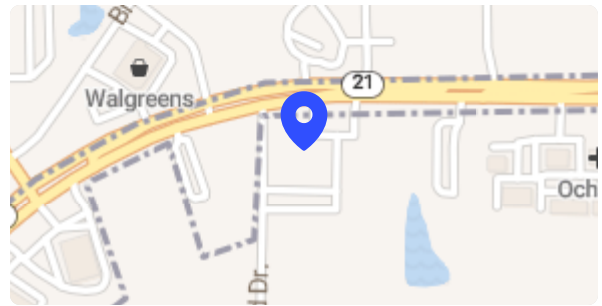
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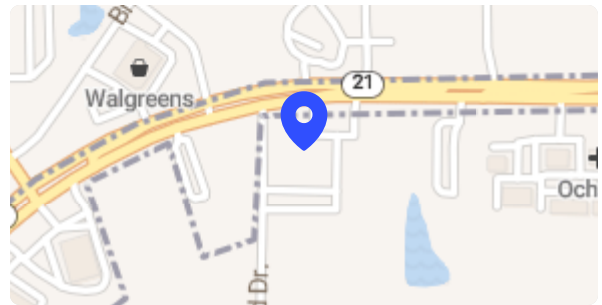
Visitation

- Tuesday**, February 18, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**
1 N. Marigold Dr., Covington LA 70433



Funeral Service

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Arthur Turfa posted:

Pastor Taglauer was my first field work supervisor when I started Seminex in 1977. I lived close to the family and spent time with them at home as well as at St. Stephen's. His faith, insights and friendship meant so much to me. May he rest in peace and may light perpetual shine on him Rev. Dr. Arthur Turfa, Lexington, SC

August 29 at 8:36 PM



Marion C. Kennedy posted:

We were glad to be able to attend the service at Holy Trinity. The service was especially meaningful. Julie's eulogy was perfect in describing her father. Doug's singing was beautiful. Pastor Tag was embedded in the lives of the Roger and Dot Kennedy family. When we learned of his passing, photos were immediately shared on our family text. Pastor Tag married Erin Kennedy and David Radle as well as Heather Jones (daughter of Karen Kennedy Jones) and Johnny Barrere. When Karen's child, Katie, was born with Spina Bifada, Pastor Tag not only baptized her at the hospital but also later in church. He officiated at Roger and Dot's 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration in Picayune, Mississippi. Dot served alongside him at First English Lutheran Church in New Orleans, scheduling the acolytes and assisting with the confirmation classes. And he was there to lead us in celebrating Dot's life at her funeral. And...so much more. Pastor Tag was also a part of my life. He loved my children, Laura and Emily Riemer. Emily told me, "He asked me to be Mary," in the Sunday School Christmas program. In later years my husband, Daniel Kennedy, and I visited Tag and Doris in their Folsom home. It was as if no time had passed and we were greeted enthusiastically with hugs. We gifted each member of our respective families with one of his nativity sets. They are treasured, for sure. Doris, we know your loss is great and we send our love to caress your heart. Please accepted our heartfelt condolences we send to each of you. Marion C. Kennedy

February 23 at 10:08 AM



Lisa Polizzi posted:

To my second Family, I'm so sorry for Pastor Tag's passing, I know exactly where he is and he is at Peace with his loved ones and so many people he has helped along the way. Mrs. Doris, you are a beautiful soul, mother, and leader and have raised such wonderful children, and grandchildren and loved others. Your family has given me so much love and support in my life. I love you all. Sending our Prayers, strength, and love to your wonderful family. much love, Lisa, Vinnie, Ethan and Braden Polizzi.

February 19 at 12:34 PM



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PN

Peter Newell posted:

Pastor Taglauer was the only Pastor I've ever had in my life. My family joined First English Church when I entered Junior High at St Paul on Franklin Ave back in 1979. And though I've visited other churches in my life, I've never joined another. His daughter Lisa and I attended St Paul Junior High & Lutheran High together for 6 years so I got to know the family and they are all wonderful people. In church, his deep voice seemed to cut thru the falseness of life and bring life to the Word instead. He, himself, was like a biblical character. He led my Confirmation & Communion and truly encouraged myself, and other kids at the school, that the real strength in life was God's love, but to have that strength, you had to adhere to God's law. Pastor Tag, what we ALL called him, was a jovial spirit and was always looking for the next way he could help anyone with anything. I moved away from New Orleans long ago and so I've missed him already. But I'm glad he was the only one for me. He was the very image and voice of the Clergy in my mind and I never wanna change that. My Love and prayers are for his wonderful family in this painful time and that they find reasons to laugh and enjoy each other as he'd have wanted so much. The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. ❤️

February 18 at 11:54 PM

RL

Rosemary Lopresti posted:

To my Uncle Jim trips visiting with mom and dad to peanut farms, gathering cotton balls, being the minister for Dereks and Christies wedding in Detroit. Visiting at the cabin now our home. Aunt Doris Love you

February 18 at 2:27 PM

SM

Sue Mcleod posted:

Pastor Tag was my teacher from second grade thru sixth grade at Christ Lutheran Church in Hickory NC. He truly taught me the truth about law and gospel. What wonderful memories!! God's blessings and love to Doris and all the family Sue Travis McLeod

February 18 at 5:58 AM



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Darlene Michelet posted:

Pastor Tag was a good friend of my husband, Jay, when he was pastor at First English on Franklin Ave and my husband's automotive shop was on St. Claude Ave. Many times he came and used our boat to go fishing and had long talks with Jay. He officiated at my husband's funeral at St. John's on Canal Street and was a wonderful friend to him. He will be missed. I am so grateful that he was he our lives. Condolences to his family and I know he is RIP with our Savior. Darlene Michelet

February 17 at 3:12 PM



Bonny Barry posted:

Wishing all family members peace and comfort during this difficult time. Pastor Taglauer was the best dad, grandfather, and from what I have read the best Pastor and friend anyone could ask for. Thank you for helping so many people and changing their lives for the better. Sending prayers and hugs. Bonny Barry

February 17 at 2:06 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Taglauer family.



February 17 at 1:22 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Taglauer family.



February 17 at 9:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Taglauer family.



February 17 at 7:39 AM



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ST

Sharon Thomas posted:

Pastor Tag served with the LCMS on a mission trip to Kenya along side myself and several team members. He was a pure joy to get to know and we shared a common link of Cloud Nine Ranch, in MO, just 14 miles from my parents retirement home. We would chat often on Facebook over the years, and he followed me on my mission trips. I wish we could have met up again. I know we will see each other in Glory some day. My deepest condolences to his family.

February 17 at 5:42 AM

LB

Lindysue Luster-Bartz posted:

I worked with Tag on my internship as a deaconess at St. Stephens in St. Louis. He was a great mentor and like a father to me.

February 16 at 3:00 PM

LW

Louis White posted:

I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Pastor "Tag". I still remember when he began leading the congregation of First English Lutheran Church. This large, imposing man with the beard immediately put me at ease with his tremendously large smile and positive spirit. When my time came to enter into marriage, even though I had not seen him in many years, I knew exactly who I wanted to perform the ceremony...Pastor Taglauer. Even though I lived out of town, he had a standing rule, two counseling sessions to discuss marriage. He was kind enough to hold the educational sessions at his house in Lakeview. I will always think of him fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with the Taglauer family during this time of grief, reflection, and memories. of a special, Godly man.Louis H. White

February 16 at 2:31 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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