



Rev. Norman E. Diehl

May 9, 1931 - March 8, 2010

Rev. Norman Everett Diehl Rev. Norman Everett Diehl was born on May 9, 1931 in Mt. Belvieu, “Barbers Hill”, Texas to Walter and Alma Diehl, in a tent with no doctor in sight on a Texas Company Lease. The family moved to Dickinson, Texas in 1941, where Norman graduated from Dickinson High School in 1950 and enrolled at North Texas State University to pursue his dream of teaching Industrial Arts. In 1952, he fell in love with Eleanor Diehl, a Huntsville girl, and they were married in 1953. They were blessed with four wonderful children: Gene, Mark, Lisa and Ginny. In 1955, after Norman had transferred to the University of Houston, The Lord Jesus Christ called him into the ministry. On the recommendation of his pastor, he changed his major to Speech and completed his last two years of college work at the University of Corpus Christi, a small Baptist school. He signed a contract to teach school, but Eleanor, being much smarter than him, suggested they move to Fort Worth where he enrolled in Southwestern Seminary. For the remainder of his life, he served The Lord. After 39 years of marriage and a valiant battle with cancer, Eleanor went to be with The Lord. They leave behind—for a while—Gene Diehl and his wife Jhanet and their sons Nathan and JP; Mark Diehl and his wife Laurie and their children Garrett and Lindsay; Lisa Gregory and her husband Kevin and their sons Chase and Cole; Ginny Richards and her husband Ken and their children James, Michael, Elizabeth and Rachel. After Eleanor’s battle with cancer ended, Norman married Audrey Hill from Livingston, Texas. They had nine wonderful years together before cancer

struck again. Once again, God blessed him with a wonderful wife, Sue Bartee Diehl. For the last four years, they were each other's strength and support. For a while, he leaves behind his wife, Sue Bartee Diehl and her two children: Wayne Bartee and his wife Rosemary and their daughter Sara Bartee and daughter Shane Roberts and her husband Greg Roberts and their son Logan; Susan Hoesser and her husband Bonner and their daughter Shannon York and her husband Ted and their children Kealy, Layne and Joe, son Trent Hoesser and his wife Kelli and their children Rylee and Elizabeth. He also leaves behind his brothers and their wives: R.D. Diehl and his wife Nelda, Bobby Diehl and his wife Kathryn, Bill Diehl and his wife Peggy and Ronnie Diehl and his wife Connie. He is preceded in death by his sister Adele Williams, brother Curtis Diehl, and brother Sam Diehl and by granddaughter Kristy Lawson and her husband Troy and their children Cameron and Kara Beth. Visitation will be at Sam Houston Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas Sunday, March 7, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Services will be held on Monday, March 8, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore in Huntsville, Texas with Dr. Richard Rogers, Rev. Frank Roberson, Rev. Hugh Durham and Pastor Jason Bay officiating. Burial will follow at Boswell Cemetery near New Waverly, Texas. Pallbearers will be Ron and Don Williams, Rick Diehl, Bryan Diehl, "Bo" Bean, Charles Smith and Kooter Roberson. Memorial donations may be made to Greater Things, University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Norman E. Diehl*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss of Bro. Diehl, a truly wonderful man of God. I had the privilege of knowing him since college, and he was a dear friend of our family. Breaking the news of his passing to my parents, Bob and Dorothy Chapman, will be hard, but I know they will agree that there is rejoicing in Heaven now that Bro. Diehl has arrived. May God give you an extra measure of comfort and peace in knowing he is healed and forever worshipping the Savior he loves so much.*

Anne Chapman Merillat - March 28, 2010 at 10:47 AM



“ *Sue, Lisa, Ginny, Mark, and Gene, your dad meant so much to us. He was our favorite pastor and also our good friend. Ginny and Lisa, we appreciate so much your keeping us informed about your Dad's condition in his last days. We regret we could not attend the funeral, but we left on that Monday for Colorado with Michelle and family. We love all of you dearly and will remember you in our prayers. I know Heaven is a greater place than ever with Norman walking those golden streets.*

Loyd and Shirley Fannin - March 18, 2010 at 09:59 PM

BO

“ *This pastor, this man, my friend, my mentor will always remain with me in my heart. He lived what he preached and my husband and I will look forward to seeing him again when our journey on earth is complete.*

Bob & Ginger Oakes - March 15, 2010 at 10:31 AM

CR

“ *Brother Diehl married Mark and I 34 years ago! He was the kindest man. He was a most gentle, loving spirited man. We learned many things from him, but most of all, his love for God. God bless him, he meant so much to us. We are sad that he is gone from us, but so glad that he is with our Heavenly Father! He'll be in our hearts always. God bless to the family, our deepest sympathies. Mark and CeCe Risinger Dickinson, TX.*

CeCe Risinger - March 10, 2010 at 03:11 PM

DS

“ Sue, Gene, Mark, Lisa & Ginny: I have been in contact with Ginny these past few days via FB but again wanted to express my sorrow in the passing of Bro. Diehl. What a sad day his passing was for us on earth, but I can only imagine what a time of rejoicing it has been since the minute he walked through those Pearly Gates. As I told Ginny, I close my eyes & can see him, no limp, no cane, no wheelchair, his arms stretched out wide w/ that great big smile, praising His Lord & Savior. Bro. Diehl always held a special place in the hearts of the Snyder family, as do you all. On Wednesday nights while eating dinner mom, dad & I loved listening to his stories. He never forgot a thing. Recently he even shared with us his thoughts, yes thoughts, about the day the Snyder family walked through the doors of UHBC, all with Bibles in hand; he even knew where we sat that first time. Those memories I will cherish forever. I will also cherish having had the privilege of being baptized by him. He was truly a man of God with always a kind word to say. Other than Â“HISÂ“ God, there was nothing he loved more than his family. How blessed you all were. My love & prayers are with each of you. May God bless you & keep you, may He give you comfort & peace in the days & months to come. With Much Love, Denise

Denise Snyder-Pharries - March 09, 2010 at 06:31 PM

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BW

“ We are so sorry to heard of your loss. He was a very nice man.

Bob, Mellicent, Bobby II, Heather, Heath & Justin Wiley - March 09, 2010 at 01:30 PM

HC

“ Sue,

We are saddened to hear of Norman's passing, but also gladdened to know he is at home with his Lord. We loved him and we will miss him. This world is a better place because he was here.

Our prayers are for you now, dear sister, that our Lord will reveal Himself to you and supply your every need.

*In His Love,
Herb and Faye Crocker*

Herb & Faye Crocker - March 08, 2010 at 09:45 PM

PD

“ Gene,

Bryan Freeman just sent me a note about your dad's passing.....your dad had a BIG influence on my family and me! What a gift he had in his preaching ability? God was very good to him, that's for sure. I look forward to spending eternity with him and Jesus! Afterall, it's only an interruption in our fellowship. He was a GREAT man and a GREAT father to all of you. You and your family are in the Davis' prayers during this tough time. Keep in touch, my friend. PHIL

Phil Davis, DDS - March 08, 2010 at 04:12 PM

FJ

“ *Peace Be With The Family. It was a pleasure growing up with Norman in Dickinson. I have thought of Norman all the time. May The Lord Bless The Family.*

Frank Commiato, Jr. - March 08, 2010 at 03:58 PM

RF

“ You have our deepest sympathy and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Each time you revisit the memories that the two of you made together, let the love you shared give you strength.

Reba Sylvester and Family - March 08, 2010 at 03:04 PM

CB

“ Brother Diehl will always be one of those iconic figures in Dickinson, Texas. When you hear the First Baptist Church of Dickinson, his face comes to mind. So sorry to hear of your loss and know that his memory will live on in so many of our hearts.

Charlotte Barkmann - March 08, 2010 at 12:46 PM

DE

“ Brother Diehl has ministered to us and was a dear friend to our family for more than 40 years. He was of course a man of great wisdom, faith and humility, but he was also was a man of humor and could make you smile so easily. Go with God, Brother Diehl, you were already an angel to us. We love you, Dana and Doug.

Dana and Doug Eckles - March 08, 2010 at 12:33 PM

BJ

“ You have our most sincere condolences for you loss. Reverend Diehl was an outstanding man and a superb, loving minister at First Baptist in Dickinson. We could not attend the funeral as Bob is recovering from a third bout with pneumonia. Our prayers are with you. Love from Bob and Mary Johnson

Bob & Mary Johnson - March 08, 2010 at 11:33 AM

RS

“ Sue - Our prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. We love you.

Rhonda & Billy Sherman - March 08, 2010 at 09:59 AM

DS

“ Norman was a very special person in my life as well as my family. I have many good memories of this wonderful man and the entire church family he pastored in Dickinson. My prayers are with all the family.

Diana Stapp - March 08, 2010 at 09:39 AM

MR

“ Uncle Norman was a great blessing in my life. I have many great memories. He had a great impact on my dad Sam & Mom Lula Frank Diehl as well as my own life. He was very special to my husband and sons as well. You are in our prayers at this time. Melinda (Diehl), David, and sons Chris, and Josh Reidland

Melinda Diehl Reidland - March 07, 2010 at 09:20 PM

TF

“ Our prayers are with you all and just know that you all have a special angel watching over you whenever you need it...Jo & Bill Breetz

To Lisa & Family - March 07, 2010 at 06:01 PM

PU

“ My thoughts, love and prayers are with you during this time. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort your hearts

Pam (Shelly) Upchurch - March 07, 2010 at 01:30 PM

HT

“ Uncle Norman was a great man! He will be missed dearly. I feel safe knowing his he with Our Father in heaven and looking after all of us here on Earth!

Much Love, Holly

Holly Teague - March 07, 2010 at 01:16 PM

MW

“ Lisa & family-

We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything or we can help in any way, please let us know.

Molly, Thad, Connor, Carson, Colton & Cooper Whisenant - March 07, 2010 at 01:07 PM

JJ

“ Bro. Norman was an amazing man to our family. He licenced Josh into the ministry, was like a grandfather to him. I remember his love for snickers and coke. I think of him every time I pass the candy at the store. He is missed greatly by us but we know we will see him again. Thank you for sharing him with us over the past years we love you all. The Jarvis Family

Josh &Melissa Jarvis - March 07, 2010 at 10:54 AM

JF

“ Dear Lisa ,Kevin ,Chase and Cole,
We are very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are thinking of you and your whole family at this time.
Sincerely,
John, Beth, Samantha and Benjamin Fuller

John and Beth Fuller - March 07, 2010 at 09:36 AM

LA

“ Dearest Lisa and family:

Please know that you are in our every prayer for peace and grace. Your father was an amazing man, and we know that he will always be near you in spirit, bringing a smile to your face and a lift to your heart.

Our love to you all.

Lorna & Herman Acuna - March 07, 2010 at 09:19 AM

BS

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear of Bro. Norman's passing. I know GOD will keep his arms around you to help you thru these days of sorrow. Enjoy the memories that you were given these past four years. My prayers are with you and the rest of the family.

Barbara Shelly - March 07, 2010 at 08:49 AM

DC

“ Brother norman was our pastor in dickinson and he had a big impact on our lives. I have many many good memories of this wonderful man. our prayers are with all the family.

danny and linda carrigan - March 07, 2010 at 08:36 AM

JW

“ Godly man, Great pastor, great friend!
Our prayers are with the family during this time.

Joe, Wyndi & Caitlyn Whitehead - March 06, 2010 at 11:53 PM

BL

“ Bro. Diehl married us 39 years ago at University Heights and he has been our friend ever since. He always greeted me with a hug and always had a joke to make me laugh. It's a sad day to hear of his passing. We will miss him. Sandra Lillard

Benny and Sandra Lillard - March 06, 2010 at 11:15 PM

FB

“ What wonderful memories I have of Bro. Norman Diehl. Many years ago now its been...but he used to come and share in meals with my Mother and stepdad.,(Addie & Murfe);-- and with my in laws, Jimmy & Les Brown. They always said to him: "come eat with us" and he was such a wonderful and delightful guest. Such a good sense of humor and a pastor that loved his congregation (who in turned loved him just as much!) Just knowing he's gone truly saddens me, but I know Heaven must be very glad!

To you, Sue...I know you will certainly miss him. May God comfort you at this time.

Sincerely, Faye (Sims) Brown

Faye Brown - March 06, 2010 at 11:04 PM

MS

“ We are sorry for your loss.He was my first cousin and I am sure he will be greatly missed.

I am sorry I am not able to attend his service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

May God bless you all.

Mary Jo Snow

mary jo snow - March 06, 2010 at 08:22 PM

BH

“ We are so saddened to hear of Bro. Diehl's passing. He was always such a special person in our lives. Forty-four years ago he married us at my sister & brother-in-law, Gwen & Bob Conner's home on Palm street. Many years later he also married two of our daughters. He always had such high spirits, no matter what his many problems were, that you never knew he was in any pain. He will be greatly missed by our family & the many more lives that he touched with his "sweet, sweet spirit". We loved him.

Bobby & Martha Hoke - March 06, 2010 at 03:55 PM

MD

“ Twenty-five years ago Norman married us in my parents home, George and Maggie Diehl. Norman was good enough to travel down to Houston on a Tuesday morning to perform a lovely ceremony. His daughter inscribed with calligraphy our marriage certificate and we have treasured it and our memories of Norman ever since. Norman found his calling and his legacy will be the positive influence on all those he touched. God Bless and watch over you during these lonely days. We will all miss him. Love and Prayers, Mark and Kate Diehl.

Mark and Kate Diehl - March 06, 2010 at 12:03 PM

KH

“ To The Diehl Family
Norman was our pastor, friend, and neighbor for years. It was always a joy and a blessing to hear him preach or teach. The love and grace of our Lord and Savior was always a part of Norman as he touched our family in so many ways. He will be missed dearly.
Ken, Sue, Lynn, and Randy

Ken & Sue Hufstetler - March 05, 2010 at 11:06 PM

JM

“ As he entered the gates of heaven our Savior said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant", which is what we all should strive for. We will be praying for all of you - his precious family that he loved so much. You are truly blessed. In Christ, Love Jim & Linda

Jim & Linda McKenzie - March 05, 2010 at 10:01 PM

JM

“ To Sue and the Diehl Family:
We were so saddened to hear about Bro. Norman. In the few years that we knew him, he was such an inspiration. When you listened to his sermons, he had such a unique way of keeping your attention and getting a chuckle from you here or there. He was a great man of God and he will surely be missed!!

Jim & Nancy McMahon - March 05, 2010 at 05:34 PM

MK

“ To the Diehl family, Our prayers and thoughts are with you all at this sad time. Brother Diehl was a very special person and we really loved him. He will be missed very much.

Milton & Peggy Kroesche - March 05, 2010 at 05:17 PM

KT

“ Dear Sue, I am imagining the celebration going on in Heaven! Although we will miss him while we are still here, I'm sure he is saving us all a seat up there. Tux and I were talking about when Brother Norman baptized him. What a wonderful day! Norman was so instrumental in blessing our family. You and yours will be in our thoughts and prayers in the time to come. Love and prayers, The Tuxen Family - Kellye, Tux & Cody.

Kellye Tuxen - March 05, 2010 at 04:18 PM

SR

“ Hey kids & Sue. It was my pleasure to spend time in the last days of this week watching over my dearest Uncle Norman. What stories that he told all day on Tuesday...still preaching to everyone that came in. He will be missed by so many but oh what a celebration they are having in Heaven today. I can just see them all now...what a beautiful sight.

Susan Roeben - March 05, 2010 at 02:06 PM

BN

“ Lisa, Sue and families, I am so saddened to hear of Bro. Diehl. I know he was ready to see His Savior and is healed. He meant an awful lot to me and many others. He will truly be missed, but Heaven is blessed to have such a great gentleman. The Lord be with the family during their time of sorrow.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - March 05, 2010 at 12:49 PM

SG

“ Dear Diehl family,
I just wanted to say how very sorry I was to hear of Norman's passing. He was a precious Man of God and he will be missed by many. The Kingdom of God just became a little more wonderful with his arrival. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers as you face the days, weeks and years to come.

Love in Chris, Susan Kiser Gordon

Susan Kiser Gordon - March 05, 2010 at 10:34 AM

SC

“*Bro. Diehl was an amazing preacher, pastor and friend. He had such a "Sweet, sweet spirit." God used him in so many ways...ways that he didn't even realize until now. He will be deeply missed. I am so very thankful for the knowledge that he is now pain free, resting in the arms of God.*

Sarah Chatfield - March 05, 2010 at 10:15 AM