



## Reinhard Herman Wuensche Jr

June 13, 1945 - July 25, 2017

The Reverend Reinhard H. Wuensche, Jr. was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Born in Three Rivers, Texas on June 13, 1945, he was baptized into the Christian faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on July 8, 1945. He confirmed that faith as a young adult at Grace Lutheran Church in Premont, Texas in 1959. He graduated from Premont High School and Southern Methodist University. After a short career as a mechanical design engineer at General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas, he joined the United States Navy. It was during training as a pilot that he made the decision to attend the seminary and become a Lutheran pastor. Because of the slowing of the need for pilots for the Viet Nam war, pilots in training were given a chance to separate from the Navy. Dick then attended Concordia Theological Seminary in Springfield, Illinois, graduating in 1975 with a Master of Divinity degree. He served at four churches in Texas: Trinity Lutheran in Taylor, Zion Lutheran in Fort Worth, St. Matthew Lutheran in Houston, and Faith Lutheran in Huntsville. Since his retirement, he has served as vacancy pastor, vicar supervisor and visiting pastor for vacationing pastors in communities in the Huntsville area. He served as Circuit Counselor for two circuits in the Texas District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod and served on the district worship committee. He held a certificate in Spiritual Direction, and was a lecturer for Formation in Direction (FinD) affiliated with the Episcopal Church. He enjoyed studying Hebrew, model railroading, hiking in Big Bend National Park, camping and learning to play the violin.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Reinhardt H. Wuensche, Sr. and Margaret Elizabeth Nordmeyer Wuensche. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Patricia Wuensche, sons John (Cassie) Wuensche, Stephen (Renee) Wuensche and David (Crystal) Wuensche, and daughter Karen (Chris) Lacy; grandchildren Charlotte and Jack, Monty and Pierson, Ben, Sarah and Mack; his brother Fred Wuensche and sister Judith (Ed) Schroeder. He is also survived by a large family of brothers-and sisters-in law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Special thanks are extended to A-Med Hospice for their gentle care of him during the last two months of his illness.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Scholarship Endowment Fund at Faith Lutheran School, 111 Sumac Rd, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Brooke Cemetery

672 FM 980  
Huntsville, TX 77320

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfm.com

## Service

JUL 30. 3:00 PM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church of Huntsville  
111 Sumac Road  
Huntsville, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reinhard Herman Wuensche Jr*

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November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just heard of the passing of Pastor and was taken by surprise and sadness. What a wonderful person. I have very fond memories of him when I was church organist in Rockdale, when he was filling in during vacancy. I am so glad I caught up with him a few years back. It will be a visit I hold dear in my heart.*  
*Sandra Wolf Mueller*

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**Sandra Mueller** - September 14, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ *Dick was an awesome person - so caring and compassionate, a true gentlemen. I had the pleasure of meeting him and Patsy at Faith Lutheran School, when my young child was in the daycare program in 1998. It is because of Pastor Wuensche that I became a Lutheran. I learned some much from his teaching, that the decision to leave the Catholic church was an easy one. His 51 years of marriage to Patsy is the example that all relationships should aspire to .*  
*Thank you Dick for just being you, my life is so much richer having known you and Patsy.*  
*Love and blessings,*  
*Bruni Kline*

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**Bruni Kline** - August 27, 2017 at 07:11 PM

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“ I met the Wuensche family when I was dating my husband. After being raised in a Jewish home and being punished if I leaned toward Christianity (which I did several times up to the point Joe entered my life, even as an adult), I started classes with Pastor in his tiny, book-filled office at Zion Lutheran in Fort Worth. What a supportive congregation with which I was fortunate enough to become attached. On January 25, 1987, I was Baptized, joined at the font by Joe and his boys--Nathan, 5, and Jake, 3. Jake insisted on having an active part in the ceremony so held my Bible throughout. I was amazed I didn't hear a Yee Ha by the boys. Such a sweet memory. Two months later, on March 28, Joe and I were married by Pastor. What a joyful period in our lives.

We were so saddened when the family moved to Houston, but we had made many life-long friends at Zion.

We stayed in touch yearly, but about 10 years ago we actually met up with when he and Patsy met us at a baseball park in Huntsville where our youngest, Joey, who was born after their departure from Fort Worth, was playing select baseball. That was the last time we saw Pastor face-to-face. But we still corresponded at Christmas. We will greatly miss the annual letters from Pastor with all the family news. Hopefully Patsy will take over the work of love.

We send our deepest sympathies to the entire Wuensche Family. We know this is a terrible loss, but we will all meet again; until then, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe and Amanda Dearing

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Amanda Dearing - August 04, 2017 at 09:53 AM

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“ *Pastor Wuensche and his family welcomed me with open arms to St. Matthew's in Houston while I was a student at Rice. I will never forget their kindness and faithful witness to God's word. My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Wuensche family.* ”

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**Kathy (Noack) Sumpter** - July 29, 2017 at 12:26 AM



*Thank you Kathy. Karen*

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**Karen Lacy** - July 31, 2017 at 08:38 AM

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“ *Ed and Judi Schroeder purchased the Rays of Light Spray for the family of Reinhard Herman Wuensche Jr.* ”



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**Ed and Judi Schroeder** - July 28, 2017 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Pastor Wuensche was very kind while serving as interim pastor at Trinity in Navasota. I am so sorry for you loss.* ”

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**Jessica Sanchez** - July 28, 2017 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reinhard Herman Wuensche Jr.* ”



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July 28, 2017 at 12:00 PM

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“ *This great man took the time to help with my son after my husband died. That's what I'll remember most about him.* ”

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**Dena Byrd** - July 27, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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“Patsy and family, our prayers are with you. Pastor was an exceptional servant of the Lord, we are blessed you so willingly shared him with the rest of us. He impacted so many lives so deeply including our family. His gently way, wisdom and unflinching faith helped me in my journey to find harmony and patience and he helped me get closer to God and be a better man. I can think of no greater gift from one person to another. Verse 6 from chapter 4 of Phillippians makes me think of him. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God." Pastor, I am still working on it. I know you at peace with the Lord, we miss you.

The pictures are great memories from when you all visited us in Alaska, exploring a derelict mine in Hatchers pass, and last December, performing the marriage ceremony for our daughter. I just love that picture and having you both there and Pastor presiding was very meaningful for us.

When you were here, he performed a blessing on our boat while it was being built. He is standing with the builder in the picture. A friend and I survived a very bad situation in a hurricane level storm. There was a clear message from God in that event and I believe Pastor's boat blessings contributed to our safe return to port.



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**Matt and Judy Keith** - July 26, 2017 at 10:05 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reinhard Herman Wuensche Jr.*



July 26, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ *M.Hyvl*



**M. Hyvl** - July 26, 2017 at 05:40 PM



“ *We loved Pastor Wuensche. He always had a "Tuba" joke! He was our vacancy Pastor and so enjoyed having him! Prayers to the family and rejoicing with them that he is with his Savior!*

**Denise Winckler** - July 26, 2017 at 02:44 PM



*Pastor was such a caring man. I loved doing my confirmation classes with him. He was patient with us and also had a sense of humor. I know he will be sorely missed. Deepest sympathy and condolences. Praying for you.*

**Kris Martinez** - July 26, 2017 at 02:58 PM



*Premont, Texas produced some fine people. Dickie and Pattie Wuensche were high on that list. The outpouring of love from all directions gives testament to that! Our condolences to you Pattie and your family. Clay and Lynnette Ross, Lockhart TX*

**Lynnette Ridge Ross** - July 26, 2017 at 03:58 PM