



## Carl W. Bretscher

August 8, 1926 - January 3, 2016

BRETSCHER, CARL W., (passed from this life: January 3, 2016) beloved husband of Elaine Bretscher (nee Beach); dear father of James (Terry); Donald (Karen), and David (April); dear grandfather of Shannon, Crystal, Amanda, Kelley, Brandon, Kristen, Derek, Kaitlyn, Jacob, and Nick; dear great-grandfather of many; dear brother of Paul (Constance), Manuel (Miriam), and the late Ruth (Henry) Ressmeyer, Dorothea Wessler, and Esther Gruell; dear uncle of numerous nephews and nieces. Carl graduated from Concordia College Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and earned a Master's degree in social work from Washington University, St. Louis. He served Lutheran churches in Guatemala; the Panama Canal Zone; Pensacola, Florida; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Las Vegas, New Mexico. He also worked for ten years as a social worker in the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry of the St. Louis University Medical Center and, following his retirement, as a part-time pastoral counselor for the Hospice Care division of the St. Louis Visiting Nurse Association. Carl and Elaine were married over 64 years ago, and have lived in the St. Louis area since 1979. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, love for people, extensive volunteering, allegiance to the St. Louis Cardinals, and positive Christian witness. Visitation will be Friday, January 8, from 4-8 pm at Chapel Hill Mortuary, 10301 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122 (I-44 and Big Bend) and funeral arrangements will be Saturday, January 9, at 11:00 am at Unity Lutheran Church, 8454 Glen Echo Drive, Bel-Nor, MO 63121 (south of the

University of Missouri, St. Louis campus). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bread for the World (50 F Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001), Feed My People (St. Louis), Unity Lutheran Church (Bel-Nor, MO), or a charity of choice.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Carl W. Bretscher*

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“ *We were so lucky to have walked into that Lutheran Church in the Canal Zone in 1969. That was the beginning of a 46 year friendship that was as close as any we had. It was always amazing to us that we could visit Carl and Elaine, leave, see them months later, sit down and continue the conversation as though there were no intervening time. They were surrogate "grandparents" to our kids and the best of friends to us. We will miss Carl, and hope that all of his family know how much he meant to us. Ray & Ann Williams*

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**Ray** - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Members of the Bretcher Family, I was truly saddened to read of Carl's passing. He was truly a great a servant of God and His people. I haven't seen Carl for years, but way back in 1981 we worked together with the Alzheimer's Association and he served on St. Elizabeth Adult Day Care Center's board of directors in our early days. What a great gentleman. Sister John Antonio, CPPS*

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January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Debbie and I want the family to know that he was an inspiration to us both. I went through confirmation classes with Pastor and was confirmed by Pastor Bretscher, probably one of the first confirmation classes. I remember him playing on the softball team which I and my Dad (Lamar) played on. He will be truly missed, but he has made an impression on many through the years and will always be remembered as the starting force for Resurrection Lutheran Church here in Pensacola. May God be with the family and our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Terry and Debbie Hoffman*

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**Terry Hoffman** - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM