



## Rev. David A. Steuernagel

Rev. David A. Steuernagel, 73, of Crete, was called home by his Lord on April 3, 2010. He is survived by his daughter, Paula; his brothers Robert and Steve; sisters Kathy, Mary, Betty Lou, Deanna, and Jeanine, and sisters-in-law, Marcella and Claire. Preceded by his wife, Dorothea nee Quiram, February 10, 2003. They were joined in marriage August 21, 1960. Rev. Steuernagel was the senior pastor at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Chicago Heights from 1993 to 2004. He retired in 2008 and returned as vacancy pastor July 2009. Rev. Steuernagel was ordained at Immanuel Lutheran Church (Silo) of Lewiston, MN on July 7, 1964. He received both his B. Div. and M. Div. degrees from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. M. Ed., 1964, Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA. He served as pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Richmond, VA, Redemption Lutheran Church, Sterling Heights, MI, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Excelsior, MN. Former Director of Development Lutheran High School North, Detroit, MI. Rev. Steuernagel served the church at large in various capacities including Chairman of the Board for Luther East High School, Lansing, IL. Visitation will be held Fri., April 9 from 4-9 p.m. and on Sat. from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Funeral Service at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 330 Highland Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411. Interment St. Paul's Cemetery, Flossmoor. Memorials may be directed to St. Paul's Church. For info call Heartland Memorial Center (708)444-2266 or [www.heartlandmemorial.com](http://www.heartlandmemorial.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Rev. David and Marcia Fischer##imported-end##

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May 21, 2010 at 02:48 PM



“ Dearest Paula,

*I am sincerely sorry for the loss of your father. I respected him so much. I came to know the Lord at VBS when I was in 4th grade, and I believe your family came to Our Savior's in Excelsior that same year, or the next. He was key in my young faith formation. He confirmed me.*

*I'm an old friend/fan of yours from Our Savior's, Excelsior and was one of your beginning piano students!*

*I was at Our Savior's for worship on Easter Sunday this year and thought about you and your family a lot that morning. (Know I know why!) My Mom, Sue is still a member there, and my brother Roger Niccum is not only a member, but an elder!*

*There is no good time to lose a loved one, but how perfect for your dad to die the day before Easter! He always was the epitome of "Liturgical Correctness" and what comfort to you to know he is indeed with his savior and your mother in heaven.*

*My thoughts and prayers, are now, and will continue to be with you. I'm sorry I could not be at the funeral to hug you.*

*With love,*

*"Cinda Niccum" now known as Lucinda Reed###imported-begin##Cinda (Niccum) Reed###imported-end##*

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April 10, 2010 at 05:16 PM



“ Dear Paula,

*I was saddened to hear of your Dad's death. May the love of the Lord and the prayers of your many friends bring you comfort at this time. Sue Guenther##imported-begin##Sue (Niccum) Guenther, Excelsior##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 05:08 PM



“ Dearest Paula,

*So sorry to hear about your dad. Please know you are and will remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

*I love you, and care, Marlene##imported-begin##Marlene Doheny##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 11:09 AM



“ *I am a pastor who joyfully serves a large parish today because of one day some 34 years ago Pastor Steuernagel called me into his office and asked me if I ever got the sense that God wanted me to be a pastor. I denied it at first, but a year or two later I came back and told him that I did have that sense since about the 4th grade. With a playful Pastor Steuerenagel grin he said "Thought so!". He then proceeded to help me into the Seminary and ultimately into the ministry. He was a pastor who was not a cliché'. I look forward to the day when I will stand by his side in white robes together with all the church and angels singing "worthy is the Lamb!"##imported-begin##Rev. Michael Trask##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 11:05 AM



“ *Paula: How privileged we were that God sent your Dad and your family to us in Excelsior. He was the best biblical scholar and teacher that we have ever encountered. His confirmation course has been used by many of the young Pastors that we have had since. Our sons Eric, Chris and Matt were moved by your father's work and words to remain true to the Lord even through their earthly trials. Paula, we realise that this is a great loss to you and we cry for you now. However, you must know that you have a huge Christian family out here and that we enfold you and are here to help, comfort and encourage you at all times. Know , too, how blessed you are to have had the guidance, patience, teaching and most of all love from your Dad . He was indeed a great man of God.*

*Our Love to you, Jan and Andy##imported-begin##Jan Anderson##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2010 at 10:48 AM



“ *The legacy of Pastor Steuernagel here at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, in Excelsior, MN, is the marvelous school founded by this congregation under his vision and leadership. As Our Savior continues to lay a foundation to educate minds and inspire faith in the children (preschool through 8th grade) we are thankful that God lead this man to seek out a way to impact this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am truly thankful that 21 years ago he heard the Holy Spirit leading him to give a young educator a try at administrating a new school. I have been blessed to serve this family of believers and our community ever since. David, Tia, and Paula were great at encouraging my work as teacher and musician, as well as serving many as mentors and friends. Pastor Steuernagel's love for teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, whether to adults or children, will remain the hallmark of his work amongst our people and community. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."###imported-begin##Fred and Tammy Limmel###imported-end##*

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April 08, 2010 at 02:15 PM



“ *Pastor Steuernagel - you will be missed by many. But I know you are home with our Lord. What a glorious Easter you must have had - being at home with God and Tia. Thank you for all you did the St. Paul's and our Altar Guild.###imported-begin##Pat Stewart###imported-end##*

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April 08, 2010 at 03:59 AM



“ As the youngest brother, one of my fondest memories of Dave was when he and his wife Tia took me, my brother Dennis and our cousin Dave to St. Louis over Christmas break in 1960. They took us many places: the zoo, the flower gardens, the historical museum (where we played hide-n-seek among the displays, which might explain why he only wanted a girl when they started having children).

*David: you will be missed!*

*Your brother,*

*Steve##imported-begin##Steve Golish##imported-end##*

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April 07, 2010 at 07:57 AM