

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
*Colossians 3:14*



## Norbert Freidhof, 77



**July 19, 1947 - April 2, 2025**



**KANSAS** - Norbert Fabian "Norb" Freidhof, 77, of Assaria,

Kansas, passed away Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025.

Norb was born in Elma, Iowa on July 19, 1947, to Bernice (Nibaur) and Fabian Freidhof.

He proudly served in the United States Army as an SFC.

On November 23, 1968, Norb married Roxanne Rouse.

Survivors include his wife, Roxanne Freidhof; three sons, Matt Freidhof (Amy), of Des Moines, Iowa; Chris Freidhof (Kara), of New Philadelphia, Ohio; Dan Freidhof (Teresa), of Salina, Kansas; a brother, Alan Freidhof (Norma); and a sister, Colleen Heying (Mike), of Elma, Iowa.

He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, one great grandchild, and another

great grandchild on the way.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws, Louise and Jim Rouse.

Norb's wishes were to be cremated.

A Memorial gathering will be held from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Carlson-Geisendorf Funeral Home, Salina, Kansas.

Graveside services will be at 10:00 am, Friday, April 18, 2025 at Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, Manhattan.

To send online condolences to the family, visit the funeral home website at [www.carlsonfh.net](http://www.carlsonfh.net), or on the Facebook page.

## Carla Cassidy, 74



**March 28, 1951 - April 9, 2025**

**CRESCO** - On Wednesday, April 9, 2025, Carla Colleen Cassidy passed away from dementia-related causes at Evans Memorial Home in Cresco, Iowa, surrounded by her family. She was 74 years old.

Carla, the second of seven children, was born in Waterloo, Iowa on March 28, 1951 and lived most of her life in Lime Springs. She graduated from Crestwood High School in 1969, excelling in her scholastic

achievements and playing the bass clarinet in All-State Band. She then attended Morning-side College in Sioux City, Iowa, and later completed her medical technician training in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

During her life, Carla provided personal care and support for her grandmother and parents in their later years. She was a devoted Christian and a longtime member of the Lime Springs United Methodist Church. Her faith was central in her life. Carla sang alto in the choir and participated in the chime choir. She was an active Bible student with a well-marked Bible and had been baptized by her grandfather, Reverend Henry Raecker.

Carla was known for her kind, generous, and gentle spirit — always looking out for others she could help. She will be deeply missed by the many souls she touched and remembered for her beautiful smile.

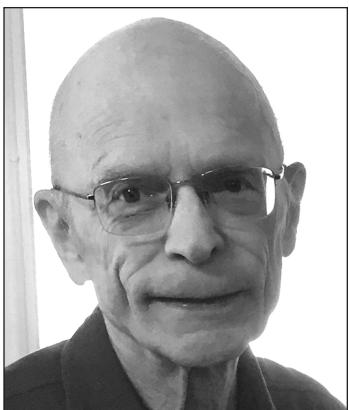
Carla was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and LaVon Cassidy, her older brother, Ronald and her younger sister, Kathleen.

She is survived by her brothers, Gregory (Deborah) of Liberal, KS, Andrew (Cathy) of Rolla, MO, and Kent (Don Ristad) of St. Louis Park, MN, and her sister, Maureen Persinger (David) of Gladstone, MO. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Evans Memorial Home, Cresco Assisted Living and Howard County Community Hospice. We were extremely impressed with the care, support and love everyone gave Carla and us over her final years. We are very grateful to have these resources and personnel available in this community.

A memorial service will be held at the Lime Springs Community Center at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2025. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Lime Springs Pleasant Hill Cemetery or Lime Springs United Methodist Church. Schmelzer Funeral Homes in Cresco is in charge of arrangements.

## Robert Davidson, 86; Bernice Davidson, 91



**Dec. 23, 1934 - Oct. 22, 2020**

**CRESCO** - Robert "Bob" Dean Davidson, age 86, of Cresco, Iowa passed away on October 22, 2020, at the Patty Elwood Center in Cresco. Robert was born on December 23, 1934, to Edward and Genevieve Davidson in Osage, Iowa. Bob was the youngest of four children, with an infant brother passing away before Bob's birth. Bob was a wrestler at Osage High School and then at Luther College before transferring to the University of Iowa where he graduated in 1958.

Bernice Jean Davidson, age 91, of Cresco, Iowa passed away on February 12, 2025, at Evans Memorial Home in Cresco. Bernice was born into a farming family on August 25, 1933, in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Her parents, Tonjas "Tony" and Stintje "Tena" Behrends, had seven children of whom Bernice was the youngest. When she was in grade school the family moved to a farm near Buffalo Center, Iowa. After graduating from Buffalo Center High School, Bernice attended Iowa State Teachers College (now University of Northern Iowa) where she graduated in 1953.



**Aug. 25, 1933 - Feb. 12, 2025**

Bob and Bernice met on a blind date in Osage in 1956 where Bernice was teaching kindergarten and Bob was taking a semester off from college to recover from Mono. They were married in 1957 and lived in Iowa City while Bob finished his degree at the University of Iowa and Bernice worked at the University Dental School. After Bob's graduation in 1958 they moved to Cresco and started Davidson's Modern Gas, providing propane, appliances and home services to the surrounding area. Bernice worked as the bookkeeper for the business as well as a substitute teacher in the Howard-Winneshiek school district. Bob and Bernice owned several businesses throughout the years and were always a great team. They were involved in many community organizations and served in various roles within the Cresco United Methodist Church where they were members for over 60 years. Bob had an entrepreneurial spirit and loved to learn. Over the years he took on many different business opportunities and hobbies, one of which was flying which he

loved. Bernice enjoyed teaching all grades, cooking, baking, gardening and was a skilled seamstress. They were avid sports fans, especially of University of Iowa wrestling and football. They attended many meets and games through the years and in their later years enjoyed cheering for University of Oklahoma football. Above all, their greatest joy was their family. They never minded the travel required to spend as much time as they could with each family. There was never a doubt about how much they loved you, were proud of you, and enjoyed just being with you.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents and three siblings. Bernice is preceded in death by her husband Bob, her parents, and her six siblings. They are greatly missed by daughters Beth (Jon) Brovold of Andover, MN, Susan (Bill) Hammon of Tacoma, WA, and Carol (Bob) Stoops of Norman, OK; grandchildren Tim (Jackie) Brovold, Mackie Stoops, Drake Stoops, Isaac Stoops, and Lauren Hammon; and great-grandchildren Ethan and Hannah Brovold.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Patty Elwood Center, Evans Memorial Home, and Howard County Community Hospice for their loving care. You blessed us greatly by how well you cared for our parents.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Cresco United Methodist Church on April 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. with visitation one hour preceding the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Cresco United Methodist Church or Howard County Community Hospice. Schmelzer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

## ~ Pastor's Column ~

Psalm 49: The Price of Redemption

One of the greatest puzzles mankind as a whole has not been able to solve is knowing what is needed to receive eternal life and security. When faced with the mystery of the afterlife, both the rich and poor alike are confronted with the question of how one achieves and/or receives eternal life before his time of departure (Hebrews 9:27). Through a musical proverb, Psalm 49 truthfully gives hope and assurance, while it also confronts the foolishness of responding to hu-

manity's need for redemption through human wealth, pride, and self-achievement.

The wisdom of Psalm 49 teaches us that the price of a living soul is too costly to be bought or earned. Therefore, it is foolish to trust in human achievements like wealth because neither the rich nor riches can pay the price to redeem.

Instead, the sons of Korah put their trust in being redeemed by God (v.15). They understood that their only escape from eternal judgment, brought on by the fall of man, comes

only by being set free through the costly payment God only could provide. This reality is guaranteed today only through believing in the payment made by the righteous blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:17-21).

One of the reasons to celebrate and rejoice this Easter season is that now there is hope and assurance because the price of redemption was paid for by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

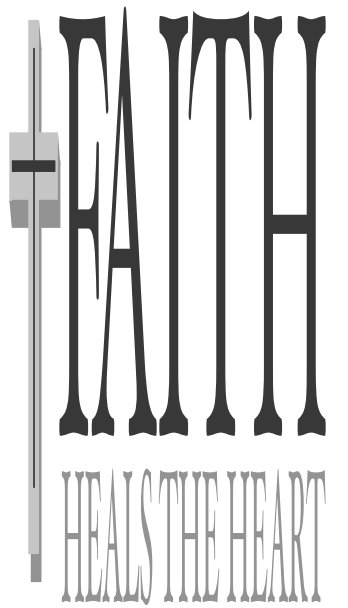
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# Church/Activities

### Lawler Immanuel Crane Creek

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**Pastor Sue Cira**  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. - Lawler

### Christ Our Hope Cluster

**Fr. Nick Radloff**  
Tuesday to Sunday: Daily offerings on <https://facebook.com/ChristOurHopeCluster/>  
Thursday, April 17: 6 p.m. - St. Mary Waucoma  
Friday, April 18: 3 p.m. - OLMC, Lawler  
Saturday, April 19: 8 p.m. - SJN  
Sunday, April 22: 8 a.m. - HT, Protivin; 8:30 - SM Waucoma; 10 - S. Lucas; 10:30 - ABVM; noon-OLMC

### Cresco Community Chapel

**Pastor Gordon Eggleston**  
Sundays: 9 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m. - Morning Service; TBD - Aletheia Youth Group  
Wednesdays: 6 p.m. - AWANA

### Cresco First Lutheran Church

**Pastor Leo Combs-Lay**  
Thursday, April 17: 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 18: 7 p.m. - Jt Good Friday Service - First Lutheran & Immanuel at Immanuel.  
Sunday, April 20: 7 and 9 a.m. - Easter Worship Services, coffee fellowship, No sunday school  
Tuesday, April 22: 11 a.m. - Cresco Area Text Study; 8 p.m. - NA Meeting

### Cresco First/Zion UMC

**Rev. Melissa Warren**

### Cresco Immanuel Lutheran

**Pastor Dan Baldwin**  
Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; 10 a.m. -

Fellowship "Devotions to Begin Your Day" on KCZQ Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:05 a.m.  
Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. - GLOW Meal; 6 p.m. - GLOW Class and Confirmation Class; 7 p.m. - WoW (Worship on Wednesday) Service with Communion  
Bible Study options: WELCA "Circle of Grace" - second Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m.; Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Every Thursday at 7 a.m.; Sunday Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan every Sunday at 6 p.m.; Mid-Month Communion - second Thursday of the Month at 2 p.m.; "Coffee with Pastor" call the office; Review of "The Chosen" each Sunday at 7:45 a.m.

### Cresco Notre Dame Church

**Fr. Jacob Rouse**  
Mass is open to the public  
Thursdays: 9 a.m. - Mass  
Fridays: 8 a.m. - Mass  
Saturdays: 4 p.m. - Mass  
Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - Mass  
Tuesdays: 5:15 p.m. - Mass  
Wednesdays: 8 a.m. - Mass

### First Congregational/Saratoga

**Pastor Tim Sir**  
Audio & video on website: [www.disciplemaker.org](http://www.disciplemaker.org)  
KCZQ: Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:05 a.m.  
Saratoga Community — Sundays at 8:30 a.m., No Sunday School Until September  
First Congregational — Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - Worship, No Sunday School Until September

### Greenfield Lutheran Church

**Pastor Kurt Bockoven at Harmony, Minn.**  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - Facebook/YouTube; 11 a.m. broadcast on KFIL 103.1

### Holy Rosary Cluster

**Fr. Telephore Dusabe**  
Thursday, April 17: 6:30 p.m. - St. Peter (NH)  
Friday, April 18: 12 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Elma); 5:45 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (Lourdes); 6:30 p.m. - Our Lady of Lourdes (Lourdes)  
Saturday, April 19: 8:30 p.m. - I.C. (Elma)  
Sunday, April 20: 7:15 a.m. - St. Bernard (AV); 9 a.m. - IC (Rice); 10:45 - Lourdes; No Mass - NH

### Jerico/Saude/Redeemer Lutheran

**Pastor Peter Faugstad**  
**www.saudejerico.com**  
Maundy Thursday, April 17: 4 p.m. - Divine Service at Redeemer; 7 p.m. - Divine Service at Saude  
Good Friday, April 18: 4 p.m. - Divine Service at Jerico; 7 p.m. - Divine Service at Jerico  
Easter Sunday, April 20: 7 a.m. - Sunrise Service at Jerico; 8 a.m. - Easter Breakfast at Jerico; 9 a.m. - Festival Service at Saude; 11 a.m. - Festival Service at Redeemer  
Wednesday, April 23: 6 p.m. - Catechism Class at Saude

### KCZQ 102.3 FM

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.: Disciple Maker w/Pastor Tim Sir  
On Sundays TFN:  
7 a.m.: Music and The Spoken Word  
8 a.m.: Disciple Maker with Pastor Tim Sir  
8:30 a.m.: Radio Rosary sponsored by local churches  
9 a.m.: Immanuel Lutheran Church  
10 a.m.: Greenleafon Reformed Church

### Lime Springs / Chester UMC

Worship schedule updates can be found on Chester and Lime Springs United Methodist Churches Facebook page

### McIntire Methodist Church

**Pastor Dr. Donna Ihns**  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Social Time; 9 a.m. - Worship

### Riceville First Congregational/United Church of Christ

**PASTOR MIKE SIMIELE**  
Sundays: 10 a.m. - Service

### Ridgeway Lutheran Churches

**Pastor Nathan Wicks**  
Thursday, April 17: 6:30 Maundy Thursday, Orleans  
Friday, April 18: 6:30 Good Friday, Peace  
Sunday, April 20: 7 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Madison/HC; 8 a.m. - Easter Breakfast (M); 9:30 - Orleans/HC

### St. Peter Lutheran - Elma

**Rev. Bruce Miller**  
Sunday: 9 a.m. - Service; 10:15 a.m. - Bible Study

### Unity Lutheran Parish

**PASTOR JEFF JACOBS (L.S., SAETERSDAL, GRANGER)**  
Sundays - 8:30 a.m. - St. Matthew (Granger); 9:45 a.m. - St. Paul (Lime Springs); 11 a.m. - Saetersdal (rural Harmony). Devotions on [facebook.com/St. PaulLutheranChurch.LimeSprings](https://facebook.com/St.PaulLutheranChurch.LimeSprings)

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