



## Gaylan D. Friesenborg

October 18, 1926 - September 13, 2018

Gaylan D. Friesenborg, 91, passed away on Thursday, September 13, 2018. He was born on October 18, 1926, in Gothenburg, NE, to Emil and Hattie Friesenborg.

He and Leona Block began their courtship at Gothenburg High School at the age of 15. Following his two years in the Army, they were married on May 18, 1947. For 20 years, they worked together managing his family business, Friesenborg & Son, until deciding to step out in faith and enter church work.

Gaylan was a Certified Church Administrator and was recently honored for 50 years of service. During his career, he was the administrator at churches in Bartlesville, OK, and Dayton, OH, and managed a retirement home with Leona in Santa Fe, NM. In retirement, they lived in Estes Park, CO; traveled the world serving together at missions in San Francisco, CA, Florence, AZ, and Merida, Yucatan, Mexico; and volunteered at the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church USA in Louisville, KY.

Throughout his life, he had a special love of and gift for music, playing trombone in his early years and blessing many with his beautiful baritone voice. He and Leona also enjoyed leading mission trips and work camps to many locations around the world.

The greatest joy of his life was his family. Gaylan and Leona have one son, Terry (Dee) Friesenborg of Kettering, OH, and one daughter, Trudy (Terry) Lee of Cape Girardeau. He was much loved by his grandchildren: Aaron (Jen) Friesenborg, Molly Friesenborg (Nic Subtirelu), Cody (Gordon) Friesenborg-Lee, Erik (Nicole) Lee, and Bryndon Lee (Chris Scudder); and his six great-grandchildren: Heather, Samantha, Ana, Briana, Eliot, and Maggie.

To carry on his legacy of Christian service, the family requests that memorial gifts be sent to Donaldina Cameron House, 920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA, 94108, to further its work in Chinatown. <https://cameronhouse.org/give/donate/>

A memorial service for family and friends to celebrate a life well lived will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Cape Girardeau at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **23.** 4:00 PM (CT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
1820 Perryville Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was saddened to hear about the loss of your loved one. I remember Gaylan quite well. He & Uncle Gayland shared many good times together. I know your loved one leaves many good memories that will last forever. May God bless each of during during this difficult time & in the days to follow.



Beverly (Gronewold) Warren  
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**Beverly (Gronewold) Warren** - September 29, 2018 at 01:18 PM

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“ Leona, Trudy, Terry  
Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Gaylans passing. I worked in the business office with Gaylan and Leona in the 70s at the Westminster Presbyterian church in downtown Dayton Oh. We have so many fond memories. They graciously took us under their wings and nutured us. We've always considered them our second mom and dad. Gaylan will be missed. We pray God's comfort surround you in the coming days. Love Dave and Donna Clymer

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**Dave and Donna Clymer** - September 24, 2018 at 10:37 AM

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“ Trudy,

*Jan and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this time. Although I never met your father I am sure that he was a great husband and father. The best to you and your family during this time.*

*Ron and Jan Pense  
rjpense@comcast.net*

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**Ron Pense** - September 19, 2018 at 06:17 AM

DC

*Leona, Trudy, Terry, Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Gaylan's passing. I worked in the office with Leona and Gaylan in Dayton Oh at the Westminster Presbyterian church in the 70s. They were always so loving and caring and gracious to take us under their wing. Dave and I always considered them to be our second mom and dad. Our hearts go out to you all. May God's love surround you at this time.  
Love, Dave and Donna Clymer*

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**Dave and Donna Clymer** - September 22, 2018 at 10:15 PM