



## Rev. James S. Beers

April 30, 1935 - May 12, 2009

Rev. James S. Beers, 74, of Indianapolis, passed from this life suddenly at 4:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born April 30, 1935 in Franklin, Pennsylvania, a son of the late Sherman and Dorothy (Heckathorn) Beers. He is survived by the love of his life, Marlene (Tetzloff) Beers, whom he married on September 2, 1956.

He was a 1953 graduate of Wilkinsburgh, PA, High School and graduated from Marion College, now Indiana Wesleyan University, in 1959. He received his Masters Degree from Clarksville School of Theology in 1977.

Rev. Beers served several congregations in the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist denomination in Ohio and Pennsylvania over a period of 20 years. He served on the Chaplain's Committee in the Indiana State House Chapel (in Indianapolis) over a period of 25 years until the time of his death. From 1973 through 1982 he served as President of Allegheny Wesleyan College in Salem, Ohio. In May of 1982, he accepted the position of senior pastor and school administrator of Salem Park Church and Academy in Indianapolis where he has continued a successful ministry for the past 27 years. He was an instructor for Union Bible College in Westfield and Covenant Foundation College in Greenfield between 1984 and 1992. For the past seven years he has also served as an adjunct professor for Indiana Wesleyan University.

Rev. Beers can best be described as a gentleman with a pastor's heart and a scholar's mind. He was multi-talented as a teacher, shepherd, counselor, and mentor.

He will be missed by his loving wife, Marlene Beers; daughter, Janene (husband: Mark) Dubbeld of Moneta, Virginia; grandchildren, Vincent James Isaac, Leighton Von Mark, Elena Joelle, Gerald Luke Channing, and Britton Quinn Joseph Dubbeld; brothers, Ronald (wife: Sue) Beers and John (wife: Carole) Beers; sister, Lois Beers; and several nieces and nephews.

A local funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Salem Park Church, 502 Fuller Dr. Indianapolis, with Rev. Paul Gray officiating.

Visitation will be held from 3 – 8 p.m. Friday at Salem Park Church and one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

Funeral services will also be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Zion Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Church near Stoneboro, PA with the Reverends John and Ronald Beers officiating. Burial will follow in Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Monday at the Church.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Salem Park Church to be used according to the wishes of the family with envelopes available at the visitation. Contributions may also be mailed to Salem Park Church, 502 Fuller Dr. Indianapolis, Indiana 46241. You may send a personal condolence to the family at [www.sprolesfamilycares.com](http://www.sprolesfamilycares.com). Arrangements are in the care of Sproles Family Funeral Home in New Castle.

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I know God is always in control and even though this is extremely difficult for each and everyone of us, it is our duty to the Lord to step it up and unite during this difficult time. That would make Rev. Beers smile down from heaven and I plan to make him proud of me. Take Care Sister Beers and family and I know that God will definitely take care of each and everone of you.

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**Ryan James** - May 28, 2009 at 01:13 PM

LE

“ A sunset on earth is a sunrise in Heaven. by Matt Anderson We embrace you tenderly with our thoughts and prayers during this time as we ponder, even through the sorrow, the eternal glory that has dawned for your precious loved one.  
"May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father; who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you..." 11  
THESSALONIANS 2:16,17 NIV

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**LaGene and Denise Earhart** - May 20, 2009 at 03:20 PM

LE

“ Rev. James S. Beers

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**LaGene and Denise Earhart** - May 20, 2009 at 02:58 PM

KH

“ Sr. Beers,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your sudden loss. Bro. Beers was thought alot of by so many - my brother, Kalan, included. I have kept you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kanda Haight** - May 17, 2009 at 10:03 PM

JO

“ we were sorry to hear of the passing of our cousin bother beers.our sympathy is with the family,also the church family,s we loved. love and prayers to all the family,s butch and melda

john(butch)meldabeers - May 16, 2009 at 02:56 PM

RR

“ Our prayers are with you at this time. May you feel the arms of our blessed Saviour around you, comforting you in the days ahead.

Rob and Lydia Raines - May 16, 2009 at 09:38 AM

TG

“ Our prayers go out to each of you in your loss. Brother Beers was a wonderful friend to us. May God's grace sustain you.

Terry D. and Ella Ruth Going - May 15, 2009 at 09:01 PM

SB

“ I've known Bro Beers since I was a teen-ager. My oldest children started at Salem Park Academy, he's been a close friend for four decades. It was a tremendous shock Monday morning to learn of his passing. May God's presence be with Sr Beers and the family in these traumatic days.

Stephen Budensiek

Stephen Budensiek - May 15, 2009 at 08:42 PM

RT

“Needless to say it was a shock learning of Bro. Beers, one of my mentors, and dear friend suddenly being called 'HOME'. I will always remember the wonderful times sitting under his leadership and ministry. Our family always admired him and appreciated the years attending Salem Park Church and Academy. I deeply appreciated his candor and spiritual leadership and counseling. It goes without saying, he was a true Gentleman and a Scholar. In addition to honoring him for his devotion to Christ I would be ungrateful if I didn't express my deep appreciation for his passion for health and welfare and great nutrition! He was an invaluable source of information and certainly I "owe him my life" when it comes to great health advice. As many of my friends know, I often referred to him as "Dr. Beers." Doubtless, his vast knowledge in the field of nutrition far exceeded many 'doctors' of the day! In fact, just in the past couple of months we have communicated countless times—discussing health issues. (Thank you, Sister Beers for your patience in relaying messages seeking counsel from your wonderful, patient, and devoted husband, even sometimes late at night!) In fact I have had virtually no serious health problems since I started following some of his recommendations and advice the past 3 or 4 years.

*The bottom line, Bro. Beers leaves a great heritage for his family. May the Lord comfort all of you enduring the loss, but taking courage knowing Heaven has gained.*

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**Robert Trueblood** - May 15, 2009 at 06:19 PM

RW

“My heart cries for you and my soul prays for you as you go through this veil of sorrow. We know there is a better day, and Bro. Beers has entered it. God bless you all.

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**Rev. Michael Watson** - May 15, 2009 at 05:47 PM

MT

“ I shall forever cherish the fond memories of Bro. Beers as our pastor for several years and the family ties with Janene. Our prayers are with you all. I pray His sheltering arms of love and peace will surround you in the coming days.

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**Marilyn Trueblood** - May 15, 2009 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ May it comfort you to know other care. Our prayers are with you. Good memories will live on.

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**Kenneth & Joan Christy** - May 15, 2009 at 01:32 PM

KB

“ Our hearts have been broken this week over the loss of Bro. Beers. He has not just been our pastor, but a precious friend to our entire family. The legacy of his ministry will be long lasting and a sweet reminder of what a God-like man truly should/could be. Karen, Carol & Juanita Bryant

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**Karen Bryant** - May 14, 2009 at 11:01 PM

PH

“ Our prayers are with you all

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**Phil Harris** - May 14, 2009 at 09:05 PM

DK

“ Dear Jesus, We pray a special prayer of comfort all the whole Beers/Dubbeld family as they grieve the loss of a father, husband and grandfather. Be near and help us to think about the rejoicing he is doing in heaven. Amen. (Another saint to enter the heavenly choir with our own dear mother!)

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**Dan & Mary Keaton** - May 14, 2009 at 07:14 PM

JJ

“ We will always cherish the years we spent at Salem Park. Bro. Beers was pastor, teacher, mentor, confidant, and friend to our family, and "Grandpa Beers" to our children. While heaven is richer at his passing, our lives have also been enriched immeasurably by the years that we shared together. Our prayer is that in your time of loss you will find that "underneath are the everlasting arms of a loving heavenly Father who cares and understands.”

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**John Jones** - May 14, 2009 at 05:19 PM

AS

“ May God enfold your aching hearts. Our prayers are with you during this loss.

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**Andrew & Sherily Stroud** - May 14, 2009 at 04:32 PM

TF

“ Dear Janene, Mark and family, You all are in our prayers that God will comfort and encourage at this time of loss. You are so fortunate as to have had a Godly earthly father Janene, and knowing you will be together again. Love & prayers, The Hullett Family. Tim, Linda, Holly, Jenna & Mitchell.

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**Tim and Linda Hullett & Family** - May 14, 2009 at 02:31 PM

MB

“ Indeed a gentleman and pastor. I thank our great Father in heaven for how he cared for our daughter Sue Dennis when she came to live and marry Richard. He is now in a far far better place recieving his reward. Our prayers go out to Marlene and the family especilly over the next few weeks as you seek the comfort of our great Jehovah God.

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**Mike and Pauline Beales** - May 14, 2009 at 12:14 PM

KM

“ It was with great shock that I learned of Bro. Beers passing. He was a very kind and gentle soul, always available to those who needed wise counsel. Thank you for the influence you had in everyone's life.

Kathy Mizner - May 14, 2009 at 12:13 PM

RF

“ Words cannot express how much Bro. Beers will be missed. He has done so much for our family. We really appreciate Sis. Beers and are praying for her and the family at this time. She also does so much for us. We love her so much too.

Richard and Susan Dennis Family - May 14, 2009 at 12:12 PM

LM

“ Thank you for your friendship  
Loren

Loren Miller - May 14, 2009 at 10:05 AM

KH

“ Thank you for sharing your time with Brother Beers with my family all these years. He will be missed by so many. Our prayers go out to you all.  
Love, The Brownlee Family Kim,Brandon,Alicia,Anthony

Kimberly Hauger-Brownlee - May 14, 2009 at 09:35 AM

WL

“ Ruby would want me to send her sympathies. God bless you at this time. I know you all have been an important part of her life.

Wanda Logan-Foster and Ruby Logan - May 14, 2009 at 09:05 AM

RB

“ Our prayers and deepest sympathy is with you all. We have fond memories of Rev. James Beers as President of Allegheny Wesleyan College. He was President and instructor for us during our time there. His council and wisdom were much appreciated. He will be sadly missed. Heaven grows sweeter all the time.

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**Rev. David Blowers** - May 14, 2009 at 08:34 AM

JP

“ We are praying for you as you walk through the valley. May God's grace sustain you until that great reunion day.

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**James & Marie Plank** - May 14, 2009 at 08:02 AM

LB

“ Words cannot express our appreciation and love for Bro. Beers. We are going to miss him so badly. So thankful for the example he has consistently lived before us.

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**Lisa Burket** - May 14, 2009 at 12:54 AM

BB

“ Our prayers are with all of you during this time. What a shock to hear of his passing! But he leaves a great spiritual legacy!

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**Bob & Linda Bedford** - May 13, 2009 at 10:20 PM

BW

“ Sis Beers and family, so sorry to have learned the news of Bro Beers passing. However, we rejoice that he is in Heaven today. I so appreciated his example and was always challenged in his classes at UBC (UBS at that time). I know there is an empty place in your heart, but take it from one who has been there, God will be there for you and will sustain you through it all.

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**Brian Wardlaw** - May 13, 2009 at 09:58 PM