



## Rev. Leslie Carrol Pruehsner

August 18, 1925 - April 17, 2015

Rev. Leslie Carrol Pruehsner, was called home to be with his Heavenly Father on April 17, 2015, at 6:25 pm.

He was born August 18, 1925, in Nashville, IL; son of John and Edna (Ragland) Pruehsner. In 1944, he married Evelyn Toombs of Anderson, IN. They were married for 70 years. Leslie, since the age of 17, was a Methodist Minister and served through “many” churches until he retired in 1988. He continued to minister to those in need up until his last days at the Veterans Home in his bed.

He has lived at the Anna Veterans Home since January of 2011. He was provided with the best quality doctors and nurses; the whole staff also came to his needs with so much love and care. He loved them all like family.

The family of Leslie would like to thank the wonderful staff at the Anna Veterans Home who made his past 4 ½ years so very comfortable.

God did bless our family with moments of incredible strength from “Dad”. His sickness never wavered his patience. He would always say “thank you” to his nurses and give them his smile even through his hurting.

Leslie proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was drafted

into the Army in 1943 serving in Central Burma, India Burma, and China Offensive. He joined the Army Reserves in September 1948 and retired a Lt. Colonel Chaplin in 1985.

Surviving are his loving family; his wife, Evelyn Pruehsner of Anna, IL; three daughters, Carol (Jerry) Bequette of Albers, IL, Pat (Don) White of Fairview Heights, IL, and Menda (Rod) Cash of Jonesboro, IL; seven grandchildren, David (Angie) White of Millstadt, IL, Tammy (Keith) Johnson of Jonesboro, IL, Kristen (Kevin) Templin of Albers, IL, Rodney (Amy) Cash, Jr. of Murphysboro, IL, Andrea (Ash) Henry of Collinsville, IL, Jenny (Jason) Sadler of Jonesboro, IL, and Melissa White of Glen Carbon, IL; brother, Harold Pruehsner of Springfield, IL; fifteen great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and many dear special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Edna Pruehsner; sister, Norma Giddings-Kessler.

Visitation will be Monday, April 20, 2015 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at Crain Funeral Home in Anna/Jonesboro.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 11:00 am at the funeral home with Rev. Bill Minor and Rev. Brent Gordon officiating. Interment will follow at Anna City Cemetery with military honors by VFW Post 3455 and Illinois National Guard.

Memorials in honor of Leslie may be made to the Anna Veterans Home Activity Fund, United Methodist Church Preacher's Aid Society and Tamms Methodist Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Leslie Carrol Pruehsner*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I met Rev. Pruehsner at Prospect Park Methodist Church. He was there for a good part of my childhood. He was a great comfort to our family as my grandma Irene Gibbs ALS progressed. When she could no longer attend services, he would visit her at home. Even when he moved away from Fairview Heights, whenever he was in town he would visit her. My grandmas faith stood strong through her last breath and I feel Rev. Pruehsner played a part in that. May you remember all the love, joy & faith he shared with everyone he met.*  
*Angie Blackard*

**Angie Blackard** - May 04, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rev Pruehsner was a very good friend and Pastor to my family while he was here in Hartford Illinois. We ate a lot of fried chicken on Sunday after Church at our house. He was here from July 1974 to June 1980. My wife and I always had a great Love for him and his Ministry, even after he left here. He had a prison ministry while here and traveled to Kansas to minister to men there. Love to all his Family, and he loved them all very much. Bernie & Connie Caldwell Hartford Illinois P.S. We will see him again on the other side of Jordan.*

**Bernie & Connie Caldwell** - April 22, 2015 at 04:37 PM

AC

“ I was blessed to be one of Pastor Les's students at Tavares Christian School. He was the biggest teddy bear and loved each and every one of his students whom he often lovingly referred to as "little snots". I don't know if I have ever met a person as kind and selfless as Pastor Les. He was truly a servant and was an incredible blessing to me and especially my brothers who lost our dad a few years before Pastor Les came to the church and school. Sending lots of love to his family and especially Miss Tiny!!

*Amy Coffman Cox Rabun Gap, Georgia*

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**Amy Cox** - April 22, 2015 at 08:33 AM

MP

“ I knew Les as a fellow pastor for many years. He was a fine man and a good minister. May you be comforted with warm memories, the prayers of many friends, and the hope and faith we have in Christ.

*Miley Palmer, Decatur, IL*

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**Miley Palmer** - April 20, 2015 at 04:01 PM

BJ

“ Les and I roomed together at Garrett Seminary---we studied together, cooked meals together and listened to the Lone Ranger together!! Later, our families vacationed together in the Ozarks and in Kentucky. We had favorite nicknames for one another and he was one of the best friends a person could wish for.

Les was always smiling, always positive, and never missed a chance to "say a good word for our Lord." His faith has been a shining beacon for multitudes!

I know there will be a crown waiting for you "Bubbles"!

signed-"Willie"

(Rev. Dr. J. Wm Jones & Family)

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**Bill Jones** - April 20, 2015 at 03:35 PM

KJ

“ My condolences to the families of Rev. Pruehsner. His Daughter, Carol and Grand Daughter, Andrea and their families are in my prayers. Mr. Jones

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**Kent Jones** - April 20, 2015 at 03:11 PM

CB

“ When he was "the preacher" at Hartford, he helped me discern my call to ministry, calling me one of his "Timothys". He showed me what true Christian devotion, determination and commitment is, guiding me to the seminary he wanted me to attend. His "surprise" visits always resulted in his staying in the parsonage with us and eating ice cream! Thanks, Preacher, for getting me into this!  
Chaplain Bruce E. Baumberger, D. Min.

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**Chaplain Bruce E. Baumberger** - April 20, 2015 at 01:05 PM

BU

“ We were so blessed to have Rev. Pruehsner at Prospect Park UMC. I'm a "Martha" kind of person, everything needs to be done and done right now. Rev. Pruehsner would tell me "Honey, it'll be ok." And you know what, he was always right! He taught me a lot about faith.

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**Bunny** - April 20, 2015 at 10:53 AM

KO

“ What other minister would think that a pig farm was the best smell in the world? What other minister could a parishioner call to come kill a 1/2 chicken in the yard? Even after almost 30 years of his retirement, I still get neighbors and others sharing memories they have of him.



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**Karen Optl** - April 19, 2015 at 05:53 PM