



## Arthur Callesen

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Green Bay - At 5:07pm, February 2nd, 2019, this world lost a great man.

The Reverend Dr. Arthur Alex Callesen Jr. broke free from the body that bound him to this earth. Bathed in the light of our Lord and surrounded by his loving

family, he left this life the very same way he lived it, with courage.



Arthur was the second child born to Arthur Sr. and Evelyn (Fricke) Callesen, in Omaha Nebraska, on July 25th, 1939. After visiting relatives in the Seattle area, it was decided that Arthur Jr. and his parents would move to Washington State in the mid 1950's, his Sister Mary and her family joined them not long after. After graduating high school, Arthur began a lifetime of higher education. He earned his first Bachelor's Degree, in Arts and Science, from Everett Junior College, in Everett Washington. Shortly after, he enrolled at Washington State University in Seattle Washington where he studied Engineering and Humanities. Growing up in the shadow of the Cascade Mountain Range, Arthur Jr. was drawn to the beauty and serenity of the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman but, his true love of the outdoors was realized when he took a Mountaineering class in college. Over the years, He could be heard telling stories about summiting [sic] Mt Reiner and Mt St Helens.

It was in the mountains of Western Washington that Arthur Jr. came to hear his calling to the Lord. In the year 1960, he promptly returned home from a camping trip, gave away most of his belongings and moved to Springfield Illinois to enroll in The Concord Seminary. He graduated with his second Bachelor's Degree in 1965, but not before falling in love with Linda Kay Berryman. They were married in 1963 and had their first child, Christine Lynn in 1964.

Reverend Callesen spent the next 9 years at various churches throughout the Midwest; St Lukes in Chicago Ill, Zion Lutheran church, in Lincoln Illinois, Our Savior Lutheran in Eagle River Wi and Grace Lutheran in Three Lakes Wi. By the time he answered the call to Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Green Bay Wi, his family had grown by two. Jeffery Arthur was born in 1966 and Mark Kenneth was born in 1970.

The professional career of Reverend Callesen would span the course of 57 years. During that time, he went on to earn his Doctor of Ministry degree from The Lutheran College of Theology, in Chicago Ill, he taught Theology at Concordia University and he would become a gifted Christian Counselor.

His retirement in 2005, from the pulpit of Our Saviour Lutheran, was short lived. He would promptly become a Chaplain in the Aurora-Baycare health system and a Pastoral Assistant to the Green Bay Church circuit.

Arthur remained an avid runner until his health would no longer allow it. His favorite day to run in our neighborhood was garbage day. He would often times be seen, jogging, with an item that had been carried to the curb somewhere along his route. "One man's trash" he would say "Is another man's treasure".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Sr. and Evelyn (Fricke) Callesen, by his Sister and Brother in Law, Lee and Mary HineLine, by his Mother and Father in Law, Kenneth and Mildred (Hendrickson) Berryman. All of whom are now enjoying his company.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Linda Kay Callesen, their three children and five grandchildren; Christine (John Hermanson) Zimonick, Jeffrey and Deborah Callesen and Mark and Traci Callesen. His grandchildren, Max and Christian Zimonick, Stella Callesen and Cooper and Colten Callesen. Arthur is also survived by 3 nephews and 1 Niece, Chris and Sue HineLine, Cliff and Kari HineLine, Curt and Shelly HineLine and Jim and Laura (HineLine) Jones; and brother-in-law, Rod (Carol) Berryman.

The Reverend Dr. Arthur A. Callesen knew what the true definition of a good leader is. He did not use his education, his intelligence or his character to make himself better. He used it to make the people around him better.

Friends may call at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason St. from 3:00 - 7:00 pm Friday, February 8. Visitation will continue Saturday at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 120 S. Henry St. from 9:00 -10:45 am. Funeral Service 11:00 am Saturday at the church with Rev David Hatch officiating. In lieu of floral expressions a memorial fund has been established in his name. Online condolences may be sent to the Callesen family at [www.prokowall.com](http://www.prokowall.com). Artur's family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the doctor's nurses and staff at the Lombardi Cancer Center as well as the nurses and staff at Aurora at Home Hospice. Their care and consideration for Arthur and his family will always be remembered.

He deeply loved his wife, his family, his grandchildren and the people of his congregation and we may never realize the silent sacrifices that he made, to make our lives better.

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