



## Rev. Lester E. Pifer

April 2, 1920 - December 25, 2019

Rev. Lester E. Pifer, Columbus, went Home to be with the Lord on Christmas Day, 2019.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants.” (Psalms 116:15) NIV

Lester was born on April 2, 1920, at Wadsworth, OH, to Elden H. Pifer and Rose I. (Blacklock) Pifer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 57 years; Genevene E. (Walter) Pifer, sisters and brothers; Helen Lance, Evelyn Jerigan, Myrl Pifer, Ernest Pifer and Sue Blackwell, step-children; John Thomas Howard, Tamera Bohrer, and Susan Grossman.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Bonnie M. (Howard) Pifer, sister and brothers; Wilbur Pifer (Nancy), Lois Artrip, and Cleo Pifer, daughters and son; Beth Reece (Barry), Mark Pifer (Maryann), and Deb Peters (Jack), step-daughter and -sons; Cinda Marsh (David), Larry Howard (Carol), and Matthew Howard (Suzanne). His blended family has 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Lester was currently serving as the Seniors Pastor at Grace Polaris Church, Westerville. In that capacity, he was the leader of the Cancer Support Group and the Men’s Bible Study. Prior to his serving at Grace Polaris Church, he was the Director of the Brethren Home Missions Council (Winona Lake, IN) and a church planter for over 70 years for the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

As a young man, he attended Bryan College and Grace Theological

Seminary. Grace Theological Seminary awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in 1974.

His pastoral ministry began in the hills of Tennessee and his church planting ministry extended across the entire United States. He had a special interest in the Brethren Navajo Mission, NM, and church missions in the hills of Kentucky. His love for Jesus and his love for people impacted thousands nationwide over his many years of ministry. His focus in life was people coming to know The Lord.

“But nothing, not even my life, is more important than my completing my mission. This is nothing other than the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus: to testify about the good news of God’s grace.” (Acts 20:24) CEB

A celebration of life service will be held at Grace Polaris Church, 8225 Worthington-Galena Rd, Westerville, OH on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 2PM.

In lieu of flowers, gifts should be made, in his memory to:  
Worthington Christian Schools, 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd, Worthington, OH 43085.

# Cemetery Details

## **Blendon Central Cemetery**

6330 S. Hemstead Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43081  
(614) 882-1270

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ Glad to have met you later in your life. I enjoyed spending time with you and your beloved wife Bonnie. You were not not afraid to share your love for the Lord Jesus and I pray that you're now enjoying eternal peace with your maker. My condolences to your entire family and everyone that whose lives were touched by you. God bless. Sincerely Rosemary wademi.

Rosemary wademi - June 02, 2023 at 06:46 AM



“ Rev. Lester E. Pifer

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

MM

“ Rev. Lester E. Pifer was an amazing mentor and great grandfather! He was full of wisdom and he changed the lives of everyone that he met. He will be greatly missed!

mason marsh - January 06, 2020 at 09:44 AM

ES

“ Pastor Pifer, a teacher, a friend, a man of wisdom, character, and impact for the Glory of God. Will miss you. Ed Strouse

Ed Strouse - January 05, 2020 at 07:50 AM

JT

“ Dear Bonnie and Family:  
We are so sorry to hear this about Pastor Pifer. Pastor Pifer was an inspiration and very helpful to me in my walk with the Lord these past 15 years in the Monday Men’s Bible Study. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you at this time. God Bless!  
Joyce and Cam Taylor

Joyce and Cam Taylor - January 01, 2020 at 07:51 PM

LC

“ Linda Williams Carter purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rev. Lester E. Pifer.



Linda Williams Carter - December 30, 2019 at 10:51 PM

GB

“ Rest in Peace Uncle Lester! Prayers for the entire family; condolences for your loss.

Greg, Caroline, Clint & Gracie Blackwell - December 30, 2019 at 10:03 AM

RB

I shared a table with Les at bible study for 18 yrs. He married me and Melanie on Valentines Day 2005. His was one of the examples on how to act and treat my wife I try to follow, having had no father. I drew a picture of him of the photo shown and he and Bonnie were overjoyed with it. She always told me in our ABF that I changed more than anyone she ever knew... I love Lester Pifer for being who he was & always will be... . Randy and Melanie Brinnon

Randy Brinnon - January 06, 2020 at 06:35 PM