



## Benjamin Rosenzweig

January 23, 1948 - April 23, 2015

Ben Rosenzweig, 67  
Kearney resident

A celebration of Pastor Ben's life and victory will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 1, at Grace Fellowship with the Pastor Melanie Warriner officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Thursday, April 30, at O'Brien-Straatmann-Redinger Funeral Home, and continue one hour prior to service on Friday. Memorials are suggested to the Lighthouse Church of Kearney, Nebraska. Condolences may be shared online at [www.osrfh.com](http://www.osrfh.com). If you would like to know more about the Jesus that Pastor Ben served, the congregation meets weekly at 10:45 AM on Sunday mornings and 7:00 PM on Wednesday nights.

Pastor Ben Rosenzweig was known to all as a man who was fearlessly and tenaciously in pursuit of His Lord and Savior. No matter the circumstance, his one true passion throughout life as a believer remained Jesus Christ: knowing Him, sharing Him, and proclaiming His Truth.

Ben was born on January 23, 1948, in LaSalle, Illinois, to Don and Marie Rosenzweig. He grew up in Mar Vista, California, and attended Venice High in Los Angeles. He entered the Navy on January 30, 1968, and served during the Vietnam War while being stationed out of Singapore. He was honorably discharged on January 20, 1969, and continued to serve in the naval reserves

after his return to the United States.

He eloped with the love of his life, Ruth Boyd on December 3, 1977. They were married in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple made their home for many years in Santa Monica, California, where all three daughters were born. Ben worked as a journeyman electrician and member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), before becoming the associate pastor of The Lighthouse Church of Santa Monica.

In 1991, Pastors Ben and Ruth moved their family to Kearney, NE where Ben accepted the position of senior pastor of Victory Foursquare Church (now The Lighthouse Church). They served as pastors of The Lighthouse for over twenty-three years, until their retirement in February of 2015.

He met often with interdenominational pastor's groups in both Kearney and Grand Island, and was well-known for encouraging fellow pastors in their pursuit of God. Over the years, He was active in various roles within the Foursquare denomination, including serving as a divisional superintendent. Ben had a way of seeing gifting and potential in others. His tenacious exhortations to step out in faith paved the way for many to expand their gifts in the ministry.

Under Ben's leadership, the Lighthouse Church was a place of worship, prayer, laughter, and challenge, where growing together was a part of life, and the Presence of God was prized above all else. Ben loved to worship with abandon, and could be found nearly every week sitting at the congas, toms, or world drum during worship services. As the years passed, he reluctantly gave up dancing, but always claimed to be "dancing on the inside". His fearless commitment to prayer and the prophetic created a space at The Lighthouse Church for Holy Spirit-inspired worship and intercession that continues to this day.

Even as he weathered the storms of sickness and adversity, Ben never lost his sense of humor, his trademark orneriness, or his tenacious commitment to seeing souls saved, hearing from God, and following hard after His King. To the end, he pastored and fathered others, and he ended this life as he had always desired, faithful in loving God and loving people.

Pastor Ben Rosenzweig, 67, of Kearney, Nebraska, died at home on April 23, 2015, surrounded by the worship of his family as he departed this world. He is now dancing for the first time in ages in the presence of Jesus. He is survived by his wife, Pastor Ruth Rosenzweig (Kearney, NE); his daughters Michelle Boulware (Holdrege, NE), Pastor Deborah Rosenzweig (Kearney, NE), and Shannon Decker (Axtell, NE); his son-in-laws Scott Boulware and Matthieu Decker; and his grandchildren: Quentin, Kianna, Kaleah, and Devin Boulware, and William, Aleigha, and Lynlee Decker.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations  
4115 Ave N  
Kearney, NE 68847  
(308) 234-3500  
info@osrfh.com  
<https://www.osrfh.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Fellowship  
4305 19th Ave  
Kearney, NE 68845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin Rosenzweig*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Just found out this devastating news today, Ben ( I called him Benny) we're cousins. We live in Los Angeles and had not spoken for 10 years or so. I wondered what happened to him and googled his name. This bad news came up. Rest In Peace cousin Benny and say hello to Aunt Marie and Uncle Don and mist of all Jesus.*

**Bill Hohlman** - September 17, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *Melissa Mcgraw lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Rosenzweig*



**melissa mcgraw** - May 20, 2015 at 10:47 AM



“ *Jamie Muth sent a virtual gift in memory of Benjamin Rosenzweig*



**Jamie Muth** - May 01, 2015 at 11:36 AM



*From all of us on TCU! We are thinking of you today!*

**Jamie Muth** - May 01, 2015 at 11:37 AM

 Jamie  
Muth

“ *Jamie Muth lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Rosenzweig*



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**Jamie Muth** - May 01, 2015 at 08:43 AM

DK

“ *To Ruth and family, So sorry to hear of Ben's passing. May the Lord give you strength and grace in this time of your deep loss. Ben was a special servant of the Lord and he will be missed. You are in our prayers. Love Doug & Barb King, Salina KS*

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**Doug & Barb King** - April 29, 2015 at 08:39 PM

BK

“ *He was a good guy. He loved hanging out on my old electronic bulletin board, Castle Evermore back in the 1990s. We had lots of conversations there. Only met him in person a few times, but spent hours online talking with him and learned a lot from him and got to know him pretty well. Was sad to hear this news, but with his faith he's in a great place now.*

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**Ben Kimball** - April 29, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Benjamin Rosenzweig.*



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April 29, 2015 at 06:20 AM

JM

“ You are in gods hands now Ben we will miss you very much here on earth but looking forward to dancing with you in Heaven god bless  
James & Melissa McGraw & Family

james mcgraw - April 28, 2015 at 07:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Benjamin Rosenzweig.



April 28, 2015 at 05:41 PM

GC

“ Ruth -just heard of Ben's home going a short time ago. The past few days I had been thinking of him and had planned to call him tomorrow. Ben was a wonderful brother and friend to me and countless others. Much about his life stands out to me - and one of the key ingredients is his faithfulness to the call God gave. Many people with less assurance and stick-to-it-ness would have quit a long time ago. I loved his life, his great spirit and his love for people and especially his friendship toward me. I will miss him greatly. When i got the message of his home going - i was doing my radio show - i played one more song and left - couldn't do it any more.

You are in my prayers. I left a message on Ben's phone - if you have time, give me a call or send me your phone number. my cell:  
323-356-7980

grace and prayers, George Cline

george cline - April 28, 2015 at 03:14 PM

UF

“ Uncle's Rich, Ike, LLOYD, n Kenny and families..... purchased the Home in Heaven Thro w for the family of Benjamin Rosenzweig.



Uncle's Rich, Ike, LLOYD, n Kenny and families..... - April 27, 2015 at 03:06 PM

JL

“ Joanne L. purchased the Amazing Grace 44" Son net for the family of Benjamin Rosenzweig.



Joanne L. - April 27, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ Stephanie Lamer lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Rosenzweig



Stephanie Lamer - April 26, 2015 at 12:29 PM

JW

“ I met Ben in the early 90s, and was impressed with his love for God and his willingness to represent Him. All these years later, he is with Him. Ben's faithfulness to his family and his Lord; I am sure he heard the Lord say, Well done good and faithful servant! We are asking God to be with Ruth and the family during this season. He was a good friend to me and I will miss him.

Jack woloshun - April 25, 2015 at 04:28 PM