



## Rev. Dagmar Rosenberg

July 16, 1944 - December 18, 2015

The Rev. Dagmar Reibold Rosenberg passed away at Vitas Healthcare Center's Inpatient Hospice Unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 2:13pm after a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born on July 16, 1944 in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1963.

Rev. Rosenberg attended Yale University and received a B.A. degree in Philosophy and later enrolled at Yale Divinity School where she received her Master of Divinity degree. Pastor Rosenberg served her pastoral internship at Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT. Following her internship, she worked as director of human services at Clifford House in Bridgeport, CT and as Volunteer Coordinator for the CT Hospice in Norwalk.

She received a call from Salem Lutheran Church in Naugatuck, CT in 1988, where she also served as chair of the board for the Head Start Program. She was actively involved with several boards and committees of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This was followed by a move to California in 1996 where she worked first as a teacher for the LA Unified school district and then was called as pastor and principal at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Los Angeles, CA. During that time she served on the board of Lutheran Schools for Southern California and was involved in working with city officials getting help for the poor in the Highland

Park neighborhood.

Since she always considered New England her true home she was eager to return to the area. In 2005 she moved to take a call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Jericho, VT. While in VT, she was active with the local food shelf which was housed at the church and served as president on it's board of directors. Her peers elected her as Dean of the VT/NY conference until First Lutheran Church of the Reformation in New Britain, CT extended a call to Pastor Rosenberg to serve as their pastor. She always considered her work in ministry a great joy, a gift and a blessing and considered herself blessed to work in New Britain and be an advocate for the poor. Her ministry in New Britain was just getting a foothold in church and community before it was cut short by her illness. However, she knew that the congregation at First Lutheran was dedicated to being a positive and caring presence in New Britain, which made it a joy and a privilege to serve as pastor at First Lutheran, seeking God's will to do God's work. She was named Pastor Emerita of First Lutheran Church of the Reformation this past November upon her retirement.

Pr. Rosenberg is survived by her daughters, Tanya Ries and grandchildren, Nicholas and Jessica Ries all of Shelton; and her daughter, Tamara Rosenberg of Paris, France. She is also survived by her sister Ingrid Leibold and her husband Dieter of Shelton; her brother Juergen Reibold and his wife Helga in Germany; many nieces and nephews, as well as her long-time companion, Nancy Peterson of New Britain.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday January 9, 11 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of

sympathy by Clicking on "Send Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

# Tribute Wall

PP

“ Dear Rosenberg Family & Nancy,  
So sorry to hear of Dagmar's passing. Dagmar was such a sweet woman. I am sure she is an angel in God's heaven because she was such a gift here on earth, she certainly earned her wings. I pray for healing for you all and that one day soon when you think of Dagmar that your grief and sadness will be replaced with smiles & laughter from all your awesome memories of her. God Bless.

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**pat peterson** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ One Sunday in 1988 I visited Salem Lutheran Church in Naug. I was introduced to her at the door after the Sunday service by Pr. Meyers of whom I already knew from his role in the community which included Immanuel Lutheran.

That introduction and her involvement with the organizations and committees gave me the joy to join Salem, and from then on our paths connected.

we kept in touch and she shared the experiences and involvement there and when she returned to the East Coast she alerted me. Our paths were connected again when she came to CT. I remember the day she called me on my cell phone, I was at the Cape, she informed me she received a call from First Lutheran in New Britain CT. I was delighted and excited and the day she was to be accepted, there was a power failure and another friend of hers from Naug & I vowed we would be there no matter what the weather was. Again the minister that was originally at Salem was presiding at a service of no electricity BUT the joy, and blessings followed her again in the

First Lutheran in New Britain.

Several times we reconnected, when she went to Cape Cod, @ Synod Assembly's and at First Lutheran, whose outreach was shared with visitors such as Debbie, I and others. I do remember her taking us on a tour of the church and sharing her roll as minister.

Truly the Lord put Pastor Dagmar on a journey, and her joy, blessings, as a very caring friend reached out to so many. Thank you Lord

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**Mary Lou Sharon** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ In loving memory of a great lady and pastor. She provided counseling to both of us and guided me through the entire process of grieving and providing a beautiful memorial service for Fritz Swanson. He spoke to her as she prayed for guidance just before the service. How we both hated to see her leave but knew she needed to be back at her home in CT with family and friends. Bless you Nancy and Tamara and Tanya for all the love you shared with her.  
May God comfort you with the knowledge that Rev. Dagmar meant so much to so many people. Marilyn and Dave

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**Marilyn Swanson & David Sweeney** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Can't believe another one of my pastors passed away. She was one of the sweetest woman I knew. She knew what to say when I needed it and how to help. She helped me threw so much and for that I'm grateful. R.I.P Pastor Dagmar. I'm glad you were able to star in my movie and the next one will be for you. Cancer sucks but at least your not suffering. Thanks for all the memories and great times

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**Louis Sacco** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ The world has lost a caring and compassionate soul in Pastor Dagmar. She was a gift to our congregation at Good Shepherd, helping to breathe peace, passion and life into our community. She will be missed. Our thoughts are with Nancy and their family and all those whose lives she touched. May the Lord fold her into his loving arms as she embarks on her next journey.

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**Jody Kamon & Ryan Jensen** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Judy and I extend our sympathy to Tonya, Tammy and Nancy. Your are in our thoughts and prayers and this very sad passing of Dagmar. We loved her and will greatly miss her....Bud & Judy Myers

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**bud myers** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ May the good Lord receive you in his Grace with open arms. My condolences to the family of Pastor Dagmar and may you find comfort in the memories. She shall Rest In Peace with all the angels.

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**Carmen Sierra** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Pastor Dagmar was so instrumental in the time before my &#147;Call&#148; to be a Lutheran Deaconess. She was my pastor and friend in the 1990's, and she made a difference in the life of my son, Jim. I will never forget her faith and her commitment to her congregation and the greater church. I will miss her deeply. May God bless and comfort those who mourn--well done, good and faithful servant.

*Love in Christ,*

*Sister Carol M. Weaver & Gracie*

**GRACE HAPPENS**

*Consecration verse: Ruth 1:16 "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."*

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**Carol M Weaver** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ To family, friends, and all who knew and loved Pastor Dagmar. I only meet Pastor a few times. She was bright, articulate, warm and loving. We had some great conversations. She was truly God's servant. She now rests in His loving arms.

*Len Prygoda*

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**Len Prygoda** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dagmar was a dear friend who lived the Gospel every day. She shared the good news with those around her and inspired us to live better lives. For her sake, we are glad that she is now walking with our Lord and no longer suffering. She is deeply missed.

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**Susan Turnley** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Prayers for you in your hours of grief. We are so sorry for your families loss. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that she is truly home now with the Lord she served for so many years.

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**David and Susan Oliver** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“*Dagmar helped to teach me how to be a pastor in Vermont. She also taught me how to grow spiritually during illness; her trust in God has deepened my faith. Thank you, Dagmar; you have been and are a blessing and I am grateful that your prayers continue.*”

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**Pr. Nancy G. Wright** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“*Dagmar was a kind and generous soul, a good and faithful pastor, a sweet person. God bless you with eternal rest, good and faithful servant, and let light forever shine on you.*”

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**Eric Wefald** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dagmar was a sister in Christ, a colleague, and such a model for joy and partnership in the Gospel. May God bless all who mourn.*”

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**Rev. Anne Roser** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BI

“*Dagmar, Well done good and faithful servant. You were gracious and generous as a pastor and as a faithful witness to our Lord. Rest in peace.*”

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**Bob Isaksen** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“*I hadn't realized about her illness. I remember her fondly at clergy gatherings. I will miss her*”

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**Mary Beth Morris** - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM