

# Pastor William Raymond Silver

January 14, 1930 ~ May 27, 2017 (age 87)



Pastor William Raymond Silver, 87, of Georgetown, went to meet his Lord and Savior at 8:30pm, Saturday, May 27, 2017. He was born on January 14, 1930, in Hoopeston, IL, the son of William 'Bud' and Emma {Williams} Silver. He was united in marriage to his "beautiful wife", Joan Silvey on August 19, 1951, at Calvary Baptist Church in Danville. They enjoyed 65 years of marriage. She will miss him dearly. He is survived by: his sons, Jerry Silver of Georgetown and Mike (Emma) Silver of Tuscola; his daughter, Janet (David) Stein of Yorktown, IN; his brothers, Danny (Madge) Silver & Jack (Emma) Silver, both of Hoopeston; his sisters, Mary Jane Robling & Martha (Gary) Jackson, both of Florida; his grandchildren, Ginger, Carla, Chad, Eric, Joy, Robert, Jacob, Joseph, David, Rebekah, Matthew, Amye, & Brian; and his 17 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his daughter, Nancy Kaye; and his son, Rodney Stephen Silver. Pastor Silver was a graduate of Bob Jones University, and received an honorary doctorate from Maranatha Baptist University. He was the Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Georgetown for 40 years. He was a loving son and brother, beloved husband and father, adored grandfather and great grandfather. Pastor Silver was counselor and shepherd to many, soul winner, church planter, and defender of the faith. His gentleness, kindness, and humor were rare and endearing. The Silver Family, Bethel Congregation, and all who knew him will miss his sweet presence and Christ-like spirit. On Friday night, he instructed his wife and children that upon taking his last breath they were to "jump up and down and shout hallelujah, because I am going home". Please join his family to celebrate his homegoing at 1:00pm, Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Bethel Baptist Church, 501 S. Main St, Georgetown, IL, with Pastor Aaron Rohde officiating. Visitation will be held 4:00pm-7:00pm, Friday, June 2, 2017, at the Bethel Baptist Church. He will be laid to rest in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in Pastor Silver's name to Camp Assurance, PO Box 18, Georgetown, IL. Sunset's Houghton-Leasure Funeral Home, 200 E West St, Georgetown, was entrusted with the arrangements. Please join his family in sharing memories through his Tribute wall at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

## Visitation

Jun 2, 2017  
Friday, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Bethel Baptist Church  
501 S. Main St  
Georgetown, IL 61846