



Rev. Dr. Johnnie David Panther

May 26, 2013

The Reverend Doctor Johnnie David Panther "Pastor Dave"

Age 56, of Butler, this good and faithful servant returned to the loving arms of His father on May 26, 2013, while surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband, best friend and soul mate of Jana "Janis" (Reid) Panther for 31 years. Loving father of Bethany Leigh (Panther) Raraigh and her husband, Douglas Raraigh of Butler and Jonathan David Panther of Pittsburgh. Proud and adoring grandfather "Spud" of Ella Faith and Keira Hope Raraigh. Dear son of Johnnie Lee and Patricia Ann Panther. Caring brother of Lisa Ann Pontiere and her husband, Ernest. Cherished son-in-law of Estella D. Reid and Brother-in-law of William A. Reid. Devoted uncle of William T. Reid, Travis J. Reid, Alexia M. Pontiere, Brooke A. Reid, and Elizabeth A. Pontiere. Brother in Christ and friend to First Church staff and congregation Pastor Dave served as Senior Pastor at the Butler First United Methodist Church for 21 years, launching Crossfire Campus in 1999. Along with being Senior Pastor, David was the chairman of Bishops Episcopal Committee of the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church. David received the Paul Harris Fellow Award while active in the Ambridge Rotary, and the Diversity Award from Slippery Rock University. Dave touched many people's lives and will be greatly missed by so many. Friends and family are invited to a time of fellowship, sharing, and love on Sunday from 1:30-3:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church Crossfire Campus, 1802 North Main Street Ext.,

Butler PA 16001, with a Celebration of David's Life to follow at 3:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, Jana has asked that you consider giving to the Crossfire Faith Promise Appeal. The family would like to use a portion of donations received to place a memorial Good Shepherd Window, duplicating the one in our downtown sanctuary, at the Crossfire Campus. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church with Crossfire Fund in the Memo line. Arrangements entrusted to Jobe Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. (412-823-1950). www.jobefuneralhome.com

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“ *Jana and family, We were so blessed to sit under Pastor Dave's ministry. We remember him having Bible studies in our home and some came to the Church after that. He will be missed very much and we will always treasure his Bible teaching and the compassion he had for people. We love you all and will continue to pray for you in the days ahead. I know he was greeted by the lord with Well done thou great and faithful servant. If there is anything we can do please call us. love and prayers Jack and Ann Myers*

Jack and Ann Myers - May 28, 2013 at 11:35 PM