



## Joseph Malcolm Meyers

August 21, 1943 - July 14, 2024

Joseph Malcolm Meyers was born on August 21, 1943, to James and Gladys Meyers in Tacoma, Washington. Joe passed away on July 14, 2024 after a bout of COVID and pneumonia. He is survived by his daughter Lani Pitofsky (Peter) and his sisters Norma (Tommy now deceased) and Juanita (CW). He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Ruth, his son Lance, and his brother Danny. Joseph grew up in San Jose, California. His father was a science teacher, and his mother was a ballerina in her early years. Joseph was born to be a preacher. His first sermon was at 12 years old on the radio. He attended Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz, California and the Assembly of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri where he received a Masters in Divinity. While Joe was a great teacher and preacher, he also was an avid scholar. Towards the end of his life he was working on obtaining a PhD in Theology. He also studied Greek and Hebrew so he could read the bible in its original languages. He met Ruth when he was on the revival circuit in a small town in Southern California where she was working at the local AG

church. It was love at first sight, especially for Joe. During the first year of Ruth and Joe's relationship, they didn't see each other in person, but wrote letters frequently where he addressed her as his Sweet LeiLani. He was preaching revivals in Hawaii and fell in love with the name, which meant Flower from Heaven. Ruth and Joe were married on July 7, 1962. They adopted two children, Lance and Lani in 1966 and 1970. The Meyers always felt a calling to the mission field so in 1977 the Meyers family moved to Albertville, France to learn basic French at the Centre Missionaire and then to Pully and St. Legier, Switzerland where Joe attended classes at the theological seminary Emmaus so he could preach in French. In 1979 they moved to San Pedro, Cote d'Ivoire to finish out their four-year term. They returned to the United States for furlough after which Lance went to college and Joe, Ruth, and Lani returned to Cote d'Ivoire where they lived in Daloa. After leaving the mission field, Joe continued to preach at churches in Washington including the AG churches in Soap Lake and Quincy. Joe retired and was living in Ephrata, Washington at the time of his death.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

5212 S 70th St.  
Tacoma, WA 98467

# Previous Events

## Graveside

JUL 26. 1:00 PM (PT)

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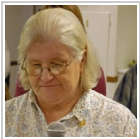
# Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Joseph was an awesome preacher. He was there when my mom died. He did her service and was wonderful. My thoughts and prayers go to his family and to his parishioners. Marilyn*

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**MariLynn Russell** - August 05, 2024 at 12:40 AM



“ *MariLynn Russell lit a candle in memory of Joseph Malcolm Meyers*



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**MariLynn Russell** - August 05, 2024 at 12:36 AM