

Memorial Service for Jim Diem

Dear friends and family of Jim Diem,

We would be honored if you could join us for a Memorial Service for Jim on Saturday May 1st at 2 p.m. at Ranck's United Methodist church, 700 Ranck Road, New Holland. The 21-Gun Salute by the Honor Guard, (per Jim's request) will take place in the cemetery.

We will gather on the paved driveway that runs through the cemetery, after the 21-Gun Salute, we will walk across the street to "Faith Hill," Ranck's pavilion area. The remainder of the service will be held inside or outside of the pavilion area, as appropriate for social distancing. We'll be praying for a non-rainy day, but, depending on the forecast, you may want to bring an umbrella just in case!

If you're unable to walk the distance to "Faith Hill," please feel free to drive to the pavilion, there is plenty of parking on the grass in that area. Also, if you're unable to stand, please feel free to bring a chair. You may also want a chair later too, as there will be plenty of time to gather around and fellowship after the service as well. Parking will be available in the church parking lot, there are also parking spaces along the road, in front of the original sanctuary. You may park on the grass near "Faith Hill" as well. The church will be open for us to use the restrooms, please do not access any other areas in the church.

We ask that you do not attend if you aren't feeling well, also if you are uncomfortable being in a group setting, we understand if you choose not to attend. We do not want to create stress for anyone! While it is our goal to be socially distanced, we can't guarantee that things will go that way. Please know that this is certainly not the service we would have for Jim if it weren't for Covid-19. Sadly, it is what it is, and we know that Jim would understand.

I would appreciate if you could let me know if you're planning to attend, so I can plan accordingly, we will be having a few snacks that can be taken with you or eaten there, that's up to you! You can call or text Martha by April 10th at (717)-945-2472, or e-mail me at martha.diembb3@gmail.com. You can also message me on Facebook, where you can find me at Martha Riehl Diem.

The event will be held rain or shine. Dress is casual (no neckties needed!), and feel free to wear patriotic colors, if you'd like! We hope to see many of you as we celebrate our dearly beloved Jim! PLEASE wear a mask or face shield, even if you have been vaccinated!

Thanks, David and Martha