



## Edmund Janzen

October 4, 1937 - April 14, 2026

Born in Laird, Saskatchewan on October 4, 1937, Edmund Janzen went home to be with the Lord at age 88 on April 14, 2026. Edmund's faith profoundly shaped a rich professional life as pastor, educator, administrator, university president, and church leader. In 2005 Fresno Pacific University established a lectureship endowment to honor Edmund's 35-year contribution to the community. He served in various roles: innovative theology professor, chaplain, Chair of Bible Studies, and President. As a professor, Edmund developed the university's popular Contemporary Christian Ministries major. As President, Edmund expanded community outreach when in 1983 he established "Broadening the Base," an initiative that offered all students an education centered on Christ, scripture, and servanthood. Beyond Edmund's commitment to the Fresno Pacific community, he served both nationally and internationally in leadership of the Mennonite Brethren church, both as Moderator of the North American Mennonite Brethren Conference, and as Chair of the International Committee of Mennonite Brethren.

Edmund is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; four children: Joel [Judy], Rhoda [TR]; Jennifer, Joanne [Will]; and by eight grandchildren: KJ, Sam, Holly, Korry, Ethan, Izzy, Mia, and Emma. A celebration of life will take place at Edmund and Mary's home church of 60 years, Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church at 4884 E. Butler Ave, Fresno, CA, on Monday, April 20, at 11:00 a.m. For those who cannot attend in person, the service will be

livestreamed on Butler's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/butlerchurch/streams>.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Butler Church  
4884 E Butler Ave  
Fresno, CA 93727

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edmund Janzen.

April 17 at 08:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Edmund Janzen.



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“ Mary's sisters - Susan, Helena, Anne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmund Janzen.

Mary's sisters - Susan, Helena, Anne - April 17 at 02:08 PM



“ Mary's sisters - Susan, Helena, Anne purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Edmund Janzen.



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Edmund Janzen.* ”



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April 16 at 09:17 PM