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WILLIAM E. ALBERTS

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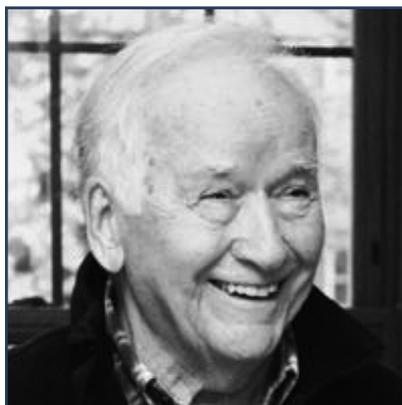
The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Alberts, who died on March 22, 2021, at the age of 94.

Bill was born on October 26, 1926, in Williamsport, PA to Ralph Stanford Alberts and Nellie (Marks) Alberts. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Lycoming College, PA in 1951, following which he earned his Master of Divinity from Westminster (now Wesley) Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. (1954). In 1961, he received his Ph.D. in psychology and pastoral counseling from Boston University, MA. His doctoral research involved developing an attitude scale which measured ministers’ attitudes toward delinquency on an authoritarian-supportive continuum.

Rev. Alberts served as a minister of United Methodist Churches in MA and PA from 1949 to 1973. For many years, he was attracted to Unitarian Universalism, the attraction created by this theological movement toward a universal ethic of humanness and justice. While a United Methodist minister in the early 1960’s, he regularly attended meetings of the North Shore UU Ministers’ Association and was accepted as an ex officio member of that group. In 1961, he began the process of applying for fellowship as a UU minister but his desire to create a meaningful ministry in Methodism led him to not complete the process at that time.

In 1973, two months after performing the marriage of two male members of Old West Church in Boston, MA, Bill was forcibly retired from the United Methodist ministry. His resulting landmark lawsuit created new case law protecting the rights of confidentiality of ministers and others and is detailed in his book, The Minister Who Could Not Be Preyed Away.

For several years he worked as a contributing editor/columnist for The Boston Ledger, as an advocate, counselor, and evaluator in two court-related programs, and taught



at Roxbury Community College, MA. His commitment to non-sectarianism, respect for individual differences, recognition of the wisdom of others and tradition of demanding justice and self-determination for all people continued.

On November 19, 1978, Rev. Alberts was installed as minister of The Community Church of Boston (CCB), MA. CCB participated in the Central American sanctuary movement by providing sanctuary for a Guatemalan refugee for two years. He made several trips to Nicaragua and El Salvador during the period. The weekly Sunday services provided a platform for well-known speakers dealing with peace and justice issues. Rev. Alberts was granted preliminary fellowship in the UUA ministry in 1981 and final fellowship three years later in 1984.

Following CCB, Rev. Alberts served as interim minister at the First Congregational Society, Leominster, MA (1991-1992), and as an affiliate minister at the North Fork UU Fellowship, NY (1996). In 1992, he became full-time chaplain at Boston Medical Center and remained there for over 20 years. It was this experience that inspired his book A Hospital Chaplain at the Crossroads of Humanity.

Rev. Alberts’ ministry placed priority on learning, knowing and engaging the views, concerns, interests, ideas, abilities and creative possibilities of the members of a congregation. He wrote extensively about racism and published over 100 articles on religious, racial, civil rights, gay and lesbian and political issues. His commitment to the struggle for liberation and justice for people of color, gay, Central Americans, the poor and oppressed are reflected in many of his writings, some of which include:

The ‘White Magic’ of Systemic Racism, booklet published by the Billeva Press, 1977; reprinted in THE CRISIS (Journal of the NAACP), November 1978; “The Racism of Equality,” THE BOSTON LEDGER, July 20-26; and “Life’s lessons from our patients: The diversity of divinity, Connections, monthly newspaper of Boston Medical Center, March 1994.

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Rev. Alberts was a member of the UUMA. He was also very active in the community serving as a member of Boston's Black Ministers' Alliance, the Massachusetts Chaplains Association and Advisory Committee, and the Civil Liberties Union of MA. He was a Diplomat in the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, NY.

Beginning in 2004, Bill became a regular contributor to CounterPunch, an on-line political journal. Over the years he wrote over 150 essays for CounterPunch, the last being in December 2020, co-authored with his daughter, Amy Warren and entitled "The Messiah Awaits Our Coming."

Bill is survived by his wife, Eva Young Alberts and their daughter, Amy Warren; as well as three daughters, Susan Cook, Jeanne Paz, and LouAnn Meli, and a son, Jeffrey Alberts from his first marriage to Doris Schmaus.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the [Asian American Civic Association](#) or to [CounterPunch](#).

Notes of condolence may be sent to Eva Young Alberts, 25 Algonquin Road, Canton, MA 02021.

DALE E. ARNINK

(1938-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Dale E. Arnink, who died on November 3, 2021, at the age of eighty-three.

Dale was born on May 31, 1938, in Clymer, NY to Floyd and Mildred Arnink. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Allegheny College, PA in 1962, following which he earned his Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, NY in 1965.

While in high school, in the early 1950's, Dale had decided that he would either be a minister or a teacher. From 1958 to 1962, while attending college, he became a Methodist student pastor. He enjoyed the parish ministry but at the same time became strongly attracted to the idea of teaching religion and philosophy at the college level. By his second year in seminary, his goal became exclusively teaching at the college level. For the academic years 1966 and 1967, Dale worked as an associate teacher in the department of religious studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. In 1970, he accepted a teaching position at the Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT where he taught Philosophy of Religion, World Religions, and Christianity and Culture. In 1971, he graduated with his Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion from Claremont Graduate School, CA.

Dale first became acquainted with Unitarian Universalism in 1971 in a local fellowship in Billings, MT. He started attending the fellowship regularly and was invited to present about ten programs a year. During this time, he also attended several Intermountain-Desert District Board meetings and workshops. He found these experiences to be positive. This limited form of ministry in the local fellowship awakened his old dreams of parish ministry. He realized that he could fulfill his old dreams in this denomination without commitment to a particular creed. He felt that Unitarianism could satisfy his concern of social activism and the development of a sense of community. The freedom from dogmatism in the Unitarian tradition fit his commitment to each individual's search for personal faith. Thereafter, he came to a satisfying



and constructive personal resolution, to integrate his prior attitudes with his current experiences and commit his energy positively as a UU minister.

Rev. Dr. Arnink was ordained on January 30, 1977, by the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos, NM where he served from 1976 to 2000. His twenty-four years of ministry at the Los Alamos congregation were highly effective and responsive. He offered a wide variety of adult education programs and was very much involved

in the church's education program, conducting classes and discussion groups on such subjects as philosophy, the Bible, Unitarian Universalism, and men's liberation, among others. He participated in the work of the R.E. Committee, by taking the lead in organizing the committee, attending R.E. conferences, visiting classes, serving as a sponsor for the LRY, and organizing family services. His worship included participatory activities such as meditation periods, and he introduced opportunities during worship for the congregation to share their experiences. Likewise, his sermons got the congregation involved and led to a lively discussion period. They also led to a significant increase in Sunday morning attendance.

Upon his retirement on June 30, 2000, the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos honored Rev. Dr. Arnink as their Minister emeritus. Following retirement, Rev. Dr. Arnink served as an interim minister at the UU Westside Congregation, Rio Rancho, NM (2005-2006). From 2006 to 2007, he served the Los Alamos congregation again as a contract minister.

In addition to his parish ministry, Rev. Dr. Arnink was President of the Mount Desert Chapter of the UUMA and preached regularly at the Santa Fe and Albuquerque congregations.

Dale was idealistic and people oriented. He had a breadth of intellectual interests and social concerns. He participated in the local ministerial alliance and was President of the Los Alamos Humanities Council and the alcoholism council. He served on many important committees at the Rocky Mountain College which helped shape the direction of the

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college and brought about necessary reform. He was also a special advisor to the Black students on campus. In his leisure time, he enjoyed active sports such as skiing, tennis, backpacking, and jogging. He also enjoyed winemaking.

Dale's sister Donna shared: "If nothing else, my brother was "cool" (despite being a minister in my mind!).

Mom loved telling everyone her son was a minister. "I 'advertised' him as an actor! (The skill served him well behind the pulpit!). He had a profound effect on my life in so many ways.... especially the summers I lived with him and his former wife in NYC and CA. Wonderful memories... personal ones."

Dale is survived by his brother, Jack Arnink, and his sister, Donna Arnink. His sons: Brian, Craig, and Scott Arnink; his grandchildren: Isaiah, Kyla, Kellen, Leland, Cade, Ethan, and Sidney. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Eva Montoya, and his son, Joel Arnink.

Dale was cremated, and his remains were scattered on Mount Pajarito with his wife and heart, Eva, who died 12 years ago.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the charity of one's own choosing.

Notes of condolences may be written [here](#).

RICHARD F. BEAL

(1944-2021)

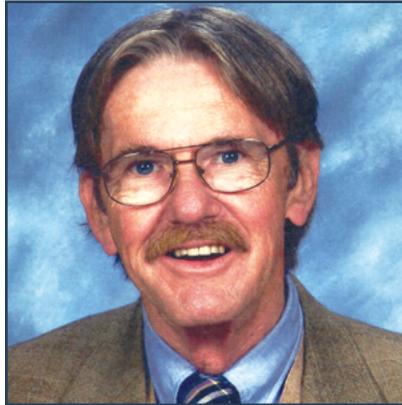
The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Richard F. Beal who died on July 7, 2021, at the age of 76.

Richard was born in Brunswick, ME on October 20, 1944. Five months after his birth, he was adopted by Blanche and Edmund Beal (a Unitarian Universalist minister). The family lived in Claremont, NH and Harrisville, RI before setting in Saco, ME. Richard attended Thornton

Academy, graduating in 1962. He then went to Goddard College, Plainfield, VT and worked in the Children's Unit of Metropolitan State Hospital, MA as a Nurse Attendant. Following three years of work at the hospital, he made a trip to Europe where he first visited the Unitarians in Transylvania; four months later, he returned to the United States and married Joan Schumacher.

While deciding what to do with their lives, Richard and Joan spent five years managing the Homestead Project, a residential home/farm for teenagers in Maine, after which they moved to Boston to manage a private half-way house for twenty-four adults. Richard attended a Cambridge Forum session on ministry and was determined to apply to Harvard Divinity School, MA. He wanted to become a UU minister to continue in the direction he had been going but now more consciously. In 1978, he entered Harvard Divinity School. While his practical ministerial training was completed in the academic year 1980/81, he served as a DRE at the Melrose UU Church, MA. In 1982, he received his Master of Divinity.

Rev. Beal was ordained to the UU ministry by the First Parish in Malden, MA and the Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church, MA on March 7, 1982. His first pastorates were in two yoked churches in rural Maine, the First Universalist Church of Dexter and The UU Church of Sangerville & Dover Foxcroft. He served the Dexter and Sangerville churches from 1982 to 1986, helped establish church schools in each church and a joint youth group, and both churches began their community ministry and social justice activities.



In 1986, Rev. Beal accepted a call as Senior Minister from the First Unitarian Church, Louisville, KY. During his ministry, the church became an official "Welcoming Congregation" and was the most active church in Louisville in promoting the Fairness Amendment, an extension of civil and human rights protections to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons. After serving fifteen years (1986-2001), he sought ministry in the Unitarian Church in Auckland, New Zealand. Upon his departure, First

Unitarian Church in Louisville designated him as Minister Emeritus. He served in Auckland for four months. He then returned to the United States and was hired as a DRE at the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, Louisville, KY (now All Peoples) (2002-2005). As a DRE, he was also engaged as an interim minister at the Emerson Church UU, Troy, MI (2004-2006).

From 2006 to 2007, Rev. Beal served the UU Church of Brunswick, ME as an Interim Minister. In 2007, the First Universalist Church of Norway UU, ME and the First Universalist Church, West Paris, ME called Rev. Beal to serve their joint ministry. He served both the congregations until June 2011 and retired on August 31, 2011. The First Universalist Church, West Paris, ME honored him as their minister emeritus in 2011.

Rev. Beal was active in many UUA, district, civil, political, social service, and interfaith organizations. He was an active member of Northeast District Chapter of the UUMA, where he also served as District President (1985-1986), and board member of the Project Harvest Hope. He served the Ohio Valley District Chapter of the UUMA (as Good Offices person in 1987 and 1988) and the UUA Board-appointed Urban Church and Ministry Committee (1987-1991). Between 1992 and 1999, Rev. Beal was a founding member and Executive Committee member with several different portfolios of the UUA Partner Church Council. He also served as a Ministerial Settlement Representative (1997-2002) for the Ohio Valley District of the UUA.

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Rev. Beal wrote for the UUMA's "First Days Record" for several years and had prayers, services, etc. in several UU collections. Several sermons and other pieces were translated into Hungarian and published in Unitarian journals in Transylvania/Hungary.

Participation in community affairs and issues was an important part of Rev. Beal's ministry. He served as a Chaplain at the Midwest Leadership School held at Beloit College in Southern Wisconsin. He was a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and a founding member of the Religious Leaders for Fairness, a clergy group advocating civil and human rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons in Louisville, KY. Likewise, he was an adjunct faculty teaching UU History and Polity at Bangor Theological Seminary, ME and Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, KY and also served as a guest lecturer at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, KY.

In Kentucky, Rev. Beal served as a board member of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union; as board member and Vice President of the HELP Ministries of Central Louisville; and as a founding member of the Metro Louisville Inter-Religious Coalition for Civil Rights. He was a member of two other clergy groups: Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition (primarily an African American group), and Downtown Clergy Association (entirely European American membership).

In 2002, Rev. Beal was the recipient of the "Living the Mission Award", presented by the Partner Church Council at the General Assembly Awards Breakfast in Quebec. He also received the annual "Excellence in Psychiatric Nursing Award" from the Mass. Mental Health Association.

In his spare time, Richard enjoyed reading history, biography, national and international affairs, essays, poetry, travel writings, popular science, devotional literature, biblical criticism, mysteries, and fiction. He loved gardening, walking, and cooking special event meals.

Richard is survived by his wife, Joan; his son, Barney (Liz) and grandson, Jayden; his sister-in-law, Pamela Beal; as well as his nieces, nephews, and in-laws. He was predeceased by his parents, and his brother, Donald.

A celebration of Richard's life took place at 11 am on September 11, 2021, at the First Universalist Church of Norway, 479 Main St, Norway, ME 04268.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the [First Universalist Church of Norway](#), 479 Main St, Norway, ME 04268 or to the [First Unitarian Church of Louisville](#), 809 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203 or to the [UU Partner Church Council](#), 483 E. Lockwood, Suite 109, St. Louis, MO 63119.

Notes of condolences may be sent to Joan S. Beal at 15 Crescent St, Norway, ME 04268

GAIL A. BERGER

(1954-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Gail A. Berger, who died on June 28, 2021, at the age of 67.

Gail was born on January 6, 1954, in Flushing, NY to Alice (Montague) and William Berger. She lived the first ten years of her life in Seaford, a suburb of Levittown on Long Island until her family moved to Boston, MA. Religious values and being part of a church community were important parts of Gail's upbringing. She was raised Catholic but had both Protestant and Jewish family members.

Gail graduated from the Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody, MA and then received her Bachelor of Arts cum laude from Trinity College, Washington D.C. (1976). From 1976 to 1978, she taught junior high special students at the Kennedy Institute, a private school for special needs students in Washington, D.C. The students there were the most diverse group of people she had ever encountered. They came from the poorest neighborhoods of the inner cities and from the wealthiest suburbs; yet they were all connected by the physical, intellectual, and emotional disabilities that transcended such differences. Working with these children and their families challenged her theologically. She began to question the Catholic belief system in light of her experiences and started to search for a more inclusive religion.

After two years of teaching Gail moved back to New England. She worked in both the public and private sectors writing grants and developing planning proposals. In 1985, she received a Certificate in Technical Writing from the University of Lowell, MA. She also received a master's degree from the Conway School of Landscape Design, MA. Over the years, she realized that her engagement with the grant writing work did not feel quite as fulfilling; but her experience at the Kennedy Institute never left her.

In 1982, Gail attended the First Universalist Society in Salem, MA. She found a spiritual community where she belonged and realized that she wanted to live her life in the spirit of this community. She embraced Unitarian Universalism's



message of freedom and tolerance in religious ideas and expression, and in 1987, became a member of the First Universalist Society in Salem. After years of spiritual struggle, Gail made the transition from Catholicism to no religious affiliation to Unitarian Universalism. She got involved with the First Unitarian Society, where she chaired the Membership, Finance, and Nominating Committees, and served on the Board of Trustees. She was a delegate

at GA and attended the New England Leadership School. She loved this work. Her involvement with church and the Leadership School provided her with a firsthand look at the work of ministry. She realized that a theological context was the appropriate place for her to pursue her deepest concerns and values. She enrolled at Harvard Divinity School, MA and graduated with her Master of Divinity in 2000.

Rev. Berger was ordained to the Unitarian Universalist Ministry on April 30, 2000, by the First Parish in Cambridge, MA.

As a primary caregiver for her parents, Rev. Berger decided not to seek a full-time settlement. She served as a minister in affiliation with the North Shore Unitarian Universalist Church (NSUU), Danvers, MA. At the NSUU, she led worship when needed, facilitated the Small Group Ministry program for several years and helped to institute a Religious Service Committee during the church's ministerial transition. Her understanding of worship nurtured the committee through their tender first year. In 2007, she initiated, organized, helped publicize and presented a program: "Caring for our Aging Loved Ones." This community service presentation was an organizational feat, attended both by the congregation and the larger North Shore community.

Rev. Berger provided on-call ministerial services for colleagues requiring coverage for Sunday mornings, pastoral care, weddings, and memorial services. First Parish in Concord, MA had been the beneficiary of Gail's "on-call services" for colleagues as well as the churches in Cambridge, Arlington, Newburyport, Malden, and Amherst.

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In community, Gail provided her services to a diverse group of people. She co-chaired Boston by Foot, MA (walking tours) (1982-1989); and was a Hotline volunteer at The Samaritans (suicide prevention hotline) (1982-1984). She was a Cyclist/Volunteer for the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge for the Jimmy Fund (1984); a Platelet donor for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA (1993-1998); and a volunteer for the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, MA (1993-1994).

At all stages of life, Gail enjoyed a wide range of interests and hobbies: art, music, writing, reading, travel and bicycling. She enjoyed novels by contemporary authors such as Barbara Kingsolver and Tom Wolfe, as well as nonfiction. She was a gifted painter, illustrator, sculptor, and maker of the fine stained-glass pieces. Her preferences in music ranged from folk, to rock, to jazz, classical, country & western, and reggae. She also liked to cook. She was an avid cyclist and rode very

early on Saturday mornings with a group of friends known as the North Shore Cyclopaths.

Gail is survived by her sister Kathy Ockenfels and partner Ernie Arellano; her brother Don Berger and wife Cynthia Moss; her niece Natalie; and nephews: Jackson and Peter Berger; as well as a great group of very special friends, many she's kept close since high school and college.

A celebration of her life was held by her friends and family on Saturday, October 23, 2021, in her recent retirement community in Durham, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Habitat for Humanity International, the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, or the Northeast Animal Shelter of Salem, Massachusetts.

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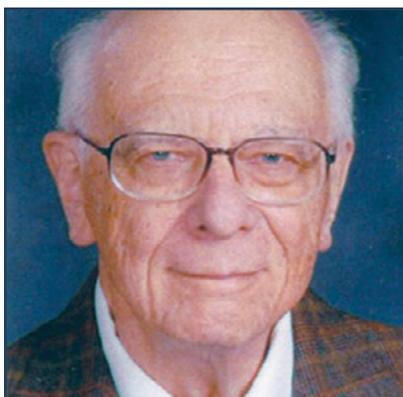
(1926-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Howard Box, who died on April 15, 2021, at the age of 94.

Howard was born on May 22, 1926, in Newark, NJ to Harland D. Box and Helen C. Box. He graduated high school in 1939 and entered the Brothers College of Drew University, Madison, NJ graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1946. As a student, he variously worked part time as a junior-high group leader in a Presbyterian sponsored Community House Summit, NJ, and at the YMCA in New Haven, CT. He also had a student dry cleaning business of his own and was an Assistant Minister for a year at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Newark, NJ. In 1949, Howard received his Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT.

Rev. Box was ordained on March 20, 1949, by the Community Church (UU) in Summit, NJ. Following his ordination, he was called to the First UU Church of Girard, PA where he ministered until 1951. He then served the Unitarian Church, Newburgh, NY (1951-1955), and the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa, ON, Canada (1955-1960). Thereafter, Rev. Box was drawn to community ministry and served as a leader at the Brooklyn Ethical Center for sixteen years (1960-1976). He again served in parish at the Oak Ridge UU Church, TN (1976-1991) where he helped write curriculum on the Prophets, developed a stronger R.E. program, and contributed towards an expanded ecumenicalism. Each congregation that Rev. Box served had significant experiments with the arts-drama and poetry services, art exhibitions, and unusual music. The UUA Department of Education reprinted his materials and one of the texts that he wrote for a Hungarian Christmas carol appeared in Singing the Living Tradition as hymn 227 “Crèche Flickers Bright Here”.

On August 15, 1991, the Oak Ridge congregation designated Rev. Box as their minister emeritus. On August 31, 1991, he retired from his active ministry.



Coming to the liberal ministry from a Methodist background, including a college with a Methodist theological school adjoining, Rev. Box always saw religion as a broader movement than any institution. This early ecumenical direction made it easy for him to accept a Universalist settlement before merger.

Rev. Box always attempted to build bridges to those representing sharply divergent views. He had a strong focus on peace

and international liberal religion. He led in reorganizing the UU Peace Fellowship, and edited UNIPAX for the UU Peace Fellowship (1979-1981). He was on the Friends of Religious Humanism panels at the General Assembly in 1984 and 1985. He served the Meadville Conference Board, was President of the Oak Ridge Ministerial Association for three terms, and a speaker for the Liberal Religious Youth (LRY).

Many of Rev. Box's articles were published in Religious Humanism (RH), some of which include: “Death of God Theology: A Humanist Evaluation” (Fall, 1967); “Hymns and Humanist” (Winter 1989). An article on JFK's death, “The Kennedy Shock” ran in the September 1973 issue of the *Humanist*. He also contributed to a symposium on “Religious vs. Secular Humanism” in RH (Summer, 1984).

Howard long held a title of a Humanist Counselor with the American Humanist Association. He was founder of the Fellowship of Religious Humanist. In 1986, he visited the Soviet Union with the first informal Humanist delegation, which resulted in Soviet participation in the International Humanist and Ethical Union.

In New York, he served the Liberal Ministers Club and the Metropolitan Board for Conscientious Objectors. He was a chairperson and organizer of the Flatbush Civic Council, and secretary of NY Clergy Concerned. He was active in the Vietnam War Protests and the SANE Nuclear Policy organization. He was in The March on Washington when Martin Luther King gave his “I Have a Dream Speech.”

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In Canada, he was active in the Kiwanis Club, Children's Aid Board, and the Meadville Conference Board.

Music was a major "outside interest," to Howard. He accompanied his wife's excellent flute and often played his own service on the organ. He collected Atlases, and books in general. He also enjoyed watching birds and swimming.

Howard is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jean Newton Box; daughters: Ruth Westfall, Carol Box and her husband,

Alessandro Nicita; son Gordon Box and his partner, Betsy Williams; as well as his grandchildren: Robert Westfall, Sofia and Mateo Nicita.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations honoring Rev. Box can be made to the [Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church](#), 809 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

Notes of condolence may be written [here](#).

WALTER BRAMAN

(1942-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Walter Braman, who died on August 24, 2021, at the age of 79.

Walter was born on February 12, 1942, in Hartford, CT to the late William B. Braman and Margaret E. Barber. His family moved to Dalton, MA when he was twelve. He attended Dalton High School and graduated in 1960. That year, he entered the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. During his years at William and Mary, the college moved from a segregated institution to an integrated school, he watched and participated in the debates and process of integration. He learned to appreciate the incredible work and sacrifice that goes into social and moral change. In 1964, he earned his Bachelor of Arts majoring in Ancient Greek. A classics education at William and Mary opened his mind to differing perspectives in thought and religion. The challenges by religious fundamentalists on campus sent him to seminary with many unanswered questions worth pursuing.

Walter joined Andover Newton Theological School, MA and began to form his theological leanings toward Unitarian Universalism. In 1969, he received his Master of Divinity. After Andover Newton, he had serious questions about the ministry and did not pursue it. Instead, he earned a Master of Education (secondary education) from the State College at Boston, MA. Though his teaching career was short, it was long enough to make him appreciate the need for a mind to be free if it is to learn. After he left teaching, he worked in the fast-food industry for twelve years. During this time, working with teens and young adults, he found himself more interested in counseling and advising individuals. He realized that his original call to ministry was a valid one and it needed to be revisited. He made his first visit to a UU church and knew that he could bring his questions there. He then finalized his decision to enter the ministry.



Rev. Braman was ordained on January 6, 1985, by the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marlboro and Hudson, MA. He served the All Souls Universalist Church, Oakland, ME from 1986 to 1989. In 1989, he accepted a call from the First Parish in Kingston, MA where he would serve until 1998. During his tenure at First Parish, the church attendance doubled, a ramp for the physically challenged was added, he developed an adult education program, taught new member classes, and held a joint program with the Plymouth Church.

Following First Parish, Rev. Braman served as interim minister to various congregations. From 1998 to 2000, at the UU Fellowship of Fredericksburg, VA, he worked to develop the mission statement and helped the fellowship move from a line budget to a program-based budget. He then served the UU Church of Roanoke, VA (2000-2001) helping the transition from a twelve-year pastorate to a newly called minister. He actively participated in the adult education and new member program. From 2001 to 2003, at the Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, Alexandria, VA, he created small groups to discuss relationships in the church, started work on covenant of right relations and worked with the Board of Trustees on the final adaptation of a church policy manual. Subsequently, Rev. Braman provided his services as an interim minister at the UU Church, Greater Bridgeport, Stratford, CT (2003-2004); the UU Church of Lancaster, PA (2004-2006); the UU Congregation of Frederick, MD (2006-2007); and the UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ (2007-2009). He retired from his active ministry on June 30, 2009. After retirement, he served as a consulting minister at the UU Fellowship of Fredericksburg, VA (2010-2015). On May 7, 2015, the Fredericksburg congregation honored him as their minister emeritus.

Rev. Braman's interim ministry helped the congregations in the areas of growth, conflict management, organization, and pastoral counseling through community building. He renewed and developed the congregation's vision through

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discussion, adult RE, and preaching on covenant and congregational polity. He worked in close relationship with the Director of Religious Education offering himself as a resource and strong advocate.

In addition to the parish and interim ministries, Rev. Braman served the UUA as Vice President of the Northeast District (1987-1989) and the Ballou Channing District (1993-1995). From 1995 to 1997, he was President of the Ballou Channing District. Furthermore, he provided his services to the Search Committee for District Executive of Ballou Channing (1996-1997).

In his spare time, Walter enjoyed photography. He took great joy in the printed word, his favorite subjects were poetry (Whitman, Frost, Cummings), biography, and history.

Walter is survived by his wife of almost 38 years, The Rev. Cathie Fisher Braman, daughter Amie Catherine O'Donoghue (Erik); and sons, Benjamin J. W. Braman and Frank M. Braman. Four grandchildren: Tynan Robert and Shauna Catherine O'Donoghue, and Ezekiel and Kiki Jubilee Braman. Also, his brother Howard (Rose), sister Kathie, brother-in-law Robert Rivers, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Matthew Royce Braman, and sister Anne Braman Rivers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to CUREIBM.org or to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation (Donations Processing) PO Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 5014-21741.

Notes of condolences can be written [here](#).

VIVIENNE HARMON CHAPMAN

(1927-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Vivienne H. Chapman, who died on December 7, 2021, at the age of 94.

Vivienne was born on December 10, 1927, in Staten Island, NY to Rev. Paul Harmon and Violette Lafferty Chapman. As a daughter of a Unitarian minister, she attended Unitarian Universalist churches all her life. Her first two volunteer activities were joining the junior choir at age eight and writing a church school play at the age of nine. From 1943 to 1945, she was an officer of the American Unitarian Youth (AUY). In 1949, she received her Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College, MA, following which she spent several years teaching English.

Vivienne was an active layperson in religious leadership. She served the First Parish in Weston, MA (1956-1973) as a Religious Education (RE) teacher and as a member and chair of the RE Committee. She was a Delegate to the UUA General Assembly and organized church-sponsored modern dance classes for children and adults. She served as a RE Consultant to the First Parish in Milton, MA, (1968-1971); and as a RE Director to the First Parish in Concord, MA (1971-1973).

In 1974, Vivienne earned her Masters' degree in English/Education from Tufts University, MA. She became a UUA Certified Director of RE in 1975. Subsequently, she served as a part-time RE Director at the First Parish in Brookline, MA (1976) and as a Director of Religious Education and Senior Programs at All-Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, DC (1982-1986). After spending twenty years of her life in two somewhat related professions: teaching secondary school English and working as a religious professional, she desired to serve as a parish minister to the denomination into which she was born. In 1987, she graduated from Harvard Divinity School with her Master of Divinity.



Rev. Chapman was ordained as a parish minister in 1988. Her first church was the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Lubbock, TX (1988). Her ministry at the Lubbock congregation marked increased Sunday attendance and a noticeable increase in membership. There was also a significant increase in contributions to the Annual Canvass. For the next ten years, Rev. Chapman taught in college as she accepted the position of Director of Residence at St.

Margaret's School, Tappahannock, VA, and then worked as an English Instructor at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL (1994-1998). Her work of teaching English to the first-generation immigrant women at the College of DuPage was highly meaningful to her. In 2000, Rev. Chapman re-entered religious leadership as a Director of RE at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Barnstable, MA. She rejuvenated the church school programs and the Adult RE.

Rev. Chapman was an active member of the DuPage UU Church, Naperville, IL. She served the DuPage's Worship Committee and sang in the choir. She was the Religious Education Program Director for the Unitarian Society, MA (a small community South of Boston). She revived the struggling church school of 50 students and developed a robust lay Education Committee. In addition, she was an Education and Program Consultant to New Hampshire/Vermont Unitarian Churches and a member of the Ohio UUMA Chapter (1986-1987). For the UU Meeting House, Chatham, MA she served as a Denominational Affairs Chair (2002-2012) and a Worship Committee Chair (2012-2019).

Rev. Chapman was involved in various church activities and sang in the church choirs all her life. She served the UU churches as a committed lay person, a Director of Religious Education, and a parish minister. She helped the congregations at all levels to explore their spiritual lives and find information about kinds of religious frameworks. She led adult education groups and provided training in leadership and teaching skills to the layperson involved in the RE Program. She provided pastoral care and guidance to children, youth, and adults.

VIVIENNE HARMON CHAPMAN

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Vivienne volunteered with the Toledo (OH) Interfaith Group; and the Lubbock (TX) Clergy Group. She was a member of WETA-Radio/TV, Washington, DC; the League of Women Voters; Boston Inter-Racial Group, and Planned Parenthood. She was a member and volunteer of Public Radio in several locations including Lubbock, TX. She enjoyed writing, drama, dance, hiking and backpacking, sewing, wood sculpture, and photography in her leisure time. Some of her published works include Drugs, Perspective for Parents, 1970 (over 20,000 copies distributed to communities in the Greater Boston area); and Understanding Ourselves and Our Feelings, UUA Department of Education; Project Experience, a proposal for occupational competency training for high school students, Boston Public Schools, 1975.

Vivienne is survived by her four children, Caroline Guild, Todd Guild, Katherine Guild, and Sylvia Guild Beaudoin; and her five grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, July 30th, 2022, at the First Parish Church in Weston, 349 Boston Post Rd., Weston, MA 02493. Reception to follow. Covid protocols as stipulated by the church will be followed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her name to the Faith & Family Hospice Foundation, 420 Lakeside Ave., Suite 203A, Marlborough, MA, 01752.

Notes of condolences can be sent to the family care of Sylvia Guild Beaudoin, 4 Kendal Common Rd., Weston, MA 02493-2160.

RALPH “RON” H. COOK, JR.

(1933-2021)

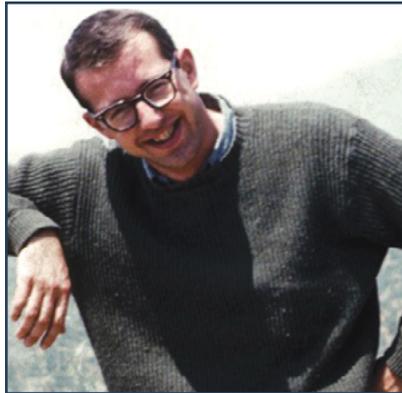
The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family, colleagues and friends of the Rev. Ralph “Ron” H. Cook, Jr., who died on July 6, 2021, at the age of 87.

Ron died in the house he designed and built on the Big Sur coast, in a bed he also crafted. His wife Deborah Streeter and dear neighbors stood by him as he died, and members of the Mid Coast Fire Brigade carried his body out the path and onto a firetruck for an honor guard departure.

Ron’s legacy was as a builder. He built up churches. For 27 years he helped build up students seeking a religious calling, perhaps in UU ministry, through his work at Starr King Seminary in Berkeley. And perhaps most precious to him, he built his own house on the Big Sur Coast, beginning in 1969. In his 25-year retirement he would say, “I used to be in the ministry tribe, but now I am in the builder tribe.” He took incredible care and detail in building a house, a life, tables, stairs, a bed to die in.

Ron was born August 27, 1933, in Snohomish, WA to Ralph Hiram Cook and Esther A. Cook. His mother was one of 14 children of Norwegian and Swedish immigrants, and he grew up on a pea farm, working summers in the fields and loading food onto refrigerated railroad cars. He was the first in his family to go to college, earning his BA in Art and Political Science from Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA in 1955. He then did a year of post graduate art study at the University of Washington in Seattle. From 1956 to 1957, he worked in commercial art and drafting, including time as a draftsman at Boeing Aircraft.

As a child Ron was an Episcopalian, a happy Cascades camper and faithful acolyte. In his postgraduate years in Seattle, he joined the University Unitarian Church. There he was encouraged by Pastor Aron “Gil” Gilmartin to attend Starr King School for the Ministry, CA and graduated in 1960 with his Bachelor of Divinity. In his Berkeley years he discovered San Francisco jazz and art and made dear lifelong friends.



He would proudly tell the tale of how the UU Ministerial Fellowship Committee turned him down for ministerial fellowship, but how in 1961 the UU Church in Ventura, CA sent him a telegram, “Boston be damned! We’ll have our own Tea Party” and ordained him. From 1961-1966 he served not just that congregation but the wider community in leadership in Fair Housing, opposing the House Un-American Activities Committee, promoting racial

justice and opposing the local John Birch Society. He was an active member of the UU Pacific Southwest district, a leader in youth programs, camping and conferences. In 1965 he joined many UU and other pastors and marched with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King from Selma to Birmingham across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

A Ventura church member encouraged him to explore the wider world and in 1966 he resigned from the UU Ventura church and took a year long trip to Europe and Africa, beginning a lifelong love of travel. He returned from Nigeria to accept a job as Associate Director of Young Adult Programs at the UUA (1967-1969). Using the Billings Fellowship grants Rev. Cook promoted the career of Ric Masten, UU Big Sur poet and song writer, to engage UU student groups at campuses across the US. He also worked in support of student activists to oppose the Vietnam War.

In 1969 Bob Kimball invited Rev. Cook to join the faculty at Starr King School and help revive the school from various challenges. With Bob and Ed Setchko and later Til Evans and Clare Fischer he promoted the distinct Starr King style of education, student centered and affirming of life experiences. We teach by who we are. Work done, credit given. As Professor of Ministry he taught Preaching and Worship, Weddings and Funerals (Marry ‘Em and Bury ‘Em), UU History, and oversaw the extensive internship program, travelling widely to settle students in meaningful internships and then later preaching many ordination sermons. He coordinated weekly chapels and led many himself. He also developed and served as Dean of Starr King Summer Schools in Berkeley, CA, Cambridge, MA, Oxford UK, and Chania, Crete.

RALPH “RON” H. COOK, JR.

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Rev. Cook retired from Starr King in August 1996. Later that year the UU Church of Ventura County named him Minister Emeritus.

Ron's last 25 years were spent at his beloved house in Palo Colorado Canyon, Big Sur, California, in the house he began building in 1969 as he began his ministry at Starr King. While promoting Ric Masten as UU poet and prophet, he bought 4 acres in Ric's neighborhood on the Central Coast and designed his first ever house. His partner was Rev. Byrd Helligas, with whom he had gone to Starr King, lived with in Boston while he worked for the UUA, and continued his friendship when Byrd was pastor at the San Jose UU Church. Canyon neighbors and Starr King students helped him build the house over the summers and by 1974 the house was livable for renters.

Ron met Rev. Deborah Streeter, United Church of Christ minister, in 1977, thanks to the matchmaking of Starr King grads Maren Hansen and Harlan Limpert, a special weekend in Portland, Oregon and some ping pong in Albany CA. They married in 1979 on the deck of the Big Sur house, Maren and Byrd officiating. Their two children Owen Streeter Cook and Norah Streeter Cook were born 1982 and 1987 while Deborah served UCC churches in the Bay Area and Ron kept teaching at Starr King.

They moved to the Big Sur house full time in 1996 as the kids entered adolescence, thinking perhaps for a year or two, but stayed for 25 years, became active in the community, helped form and grow their local volunteer fire brigade, organized neighbors to oppose a proposed local logging project, and kept making the house more livable year-round. Ron served as a volunteer CASA worker, speaking in court on behalf of foster kids, and as a member of the local water company board and Fire Brigade. He kept building, a new roof, guest room, tables, vestibule, new stairs. With a ready shovel he kept the bad dirt road passable and wrote a memoir about building. He read widely especially in UU and US history, old New Yorker magazines, and music history. He loved hearing from former students. He kept travelling in the US and Europe, many happy trips. He stayed in touch with dear neighbors and friends, especially the “Old Guys” who hiked

each summer the Pine Ridge trail and worked on each other's homes. He helped neighbors Ric Masten, Owen Greenan and Bob Douglas get to doctor appointments and stood by their sides during death and their memorial services.

Ron was diagnosed with multiple myeloma (bone marrow cancer) in 2011 and later had a cancerous kidney removed. He worked hard to stay alive that last ten years, during which he co-officiated at both children's weddings and welcomed three grandchildren, one born a few weeks before he died.

Ron died peacefully in the bed he built in the house he built. He had many favorite architecture quotes/wise words. Three that he wrote out and pinned up in his beloved kitchen nook are “The organic house is never finished,” (Frank Lloyd Wright), “Thanks and praise for the knot in the wood, across the grain, making the carpenter curse where a branch sprang out, carrying sap to each leaf,” (Scottish poet and MD Gael Turnbull, member of the Ventura church) and “I knew that no house should ever be on a hill or ON anything. It should be OF the hill. Hill and house should live together, each the happier for the other,” (Frank Lloyd Wright.) Ron's organic life is never finished, and he and this house and hill live happily together.

A memorial service was held at 2 pm on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Monterey Peninsula, 490 Aguajito Rd, Carmel, CA 93923, www.uucmp.org. Revs. Bill and Barbara Hamilton-Holway presiding.

SKM grads Ted Tollefson and Tom Kunesh have started a public Facebook page, Remembering Ron Cook.

Memorial donations may be made to the [Mid-Coast Fire Brigade](#), 38000 Palo Colorado Rd, Carmel, CA 93923 which Ron and Deborah helped found, develop into a professional group, raised money for their firehouse and organized many BBQs. MCFB saved their home from destruction in the Soberanes Fire of 2016.

Notes of condolences may be sent to Rev. Deborah Streeter at 37755 Palo Colorado Rd, Carmel, CA 93923, or deborahstreeter27@gmail.com.

JOHN CUMMINS

(1926-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. John Cummins, who died on December 11, 2021, at the age of 95.

John was born on September 8, 1926, in Cincinnati, OH to Alice E. and Rev. Dr. Robert Cummins. His father was a Unitarian Universalist minister and head of the Universalist Churches of America for many years; being a preacher's kid greatly influenced his life.

John attended the Brown and Nichols Preparatory School in Cambridge, MA. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1947 from Bowdoin College, ME where he majored in English Literature and received the Pray English Prize for excellence in creative writing and the Sewell Award for highest scholarship in classical Greek. As he matured in high school and college during World War II, he developed a lifelong interest in developing the world community, in the causes and cure of war, i.e., economic justice, population problems, world law, and intercultural exchange. For him, the Unitarian Universalist movement was a catalyst for social growth and change. He viewed Unitarian Universalism as an effort to build a religious outlook and value system that would heal and unite forces among human cultures and within the human family. To contribute to this religious outlook, he prepared for the liberal ministry at Harvard University, MA graduating with his Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 1950. In 1978, Meadville Lombard Theological School awarded him an honorary Doctorate.

Rev. Dr. Cummins was ordained on June 4, 1950, by the Universalist Church, Arlington, MA. His first parish was the UU Church of Brunswick, ME where he served from 1950 to 1954. He was instrumental in the building of a new Parish Hall, established a young married couples club, and organized the Friendship Club for Junior High school students. The best that came out of the Maine experience was his wife Drusilla, whom he married in 1951.



In 1954, Rev. Dr. Cummins accepted a call from the First Parish in Waltham, MA. He ministered at First Parish until 1963. There, he had his radio program for several years. Alongside his parish duties, he served as a chaplain at Brandeis University, MA (for six years). He pioneered the merging of a Unitarian and a Universalist church in 1959, some two years before the national merger between the Universalist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association. In

1960, he won the Skinner Award for the best sermon of the year on Social Concerns.

In 1963, Rev. Dr. Cummins moved to Minneapolis, to become the fifth settled minister for the 104-year-old, First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, MN. When he arrived, membership was less than 350 and it flourished under his leadership. First Universalist Church became a sanctuary church in 1984 and by the time of his retirement (1986), three services were held each Sunday. In 1988, the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis honored him as their Minister Emeritus. After retirement, Rev. Dr. Cummins helped serve 66 congregations across the Upper Midwest. He was always proud of the men and women he helped to enter the UU ministry.

In addition to his parish ministry, Rev. Dr. Cummins served several denominational boards. He was a secretary and treasurer of the Brunswick Ministers' Association and vice-president of the Universalist Ministers' Association of Maine. He was a trustee of Meadville/Lombard Theological School for six years and a ministerial settlement representative of the Prairie Star District for twelve years. He served the UU Women's Federation (1973-1977) and the UUA Commission on Appraisal. Likewise, he chaired the UUA Principles and Purposes Committee and served on the UUA's Board of Trustees (1981). In 1983, he was an interim minister for four months at the Unitarian Church, Adelaide, South Australia.

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John was director of the United Nations Association of Minnesota (1963) and president of the Association (1965-1968). He was an ardent civil rights activist who believed in more inclusive leadership and women's rights. In 1964, he went to Selma, AL, and was present with Dr. Martin Luther King at the Memorial for James Reeb. In 1965, he attended the White House Conference on International Cooperation at the invitation of President Johnson. He was a member of the Brunswick Rotary Club, the Abortion Rights Council of Minnesota, the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, and was a counselor for the Conscientious Objection to Military Service. He also served on committees for many local charities and fund drives. In 1969, he ran for the Minnesota legislature.

John enjoyed writing and got several of his works published. Some of his writings are: "The Minnesota Story," in *The New Look in Politics*, pub. University of New Mexico Press, 1968; "Sanctuary," a feature article in *The Humanist*, March/April 1986. His book, *This Strange and Wondrous Journey*, was published in 1991. In 1991, together with his wife Dru, he received the Unitarian Universalist Association's Distinguished Service Award.

In his spare time, John enjoyed swimming and boating. He liked poetry and reading- especially biographies of historic figures. In human history, he admired: Socrates of Athens, Jesus of Nazareth, Francis of Assisi, Gandhi of India, and Dr. King and Susan B. Anthony of America.

John is survived by his daughter: Carol Cummins and his son Clyde Cummins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Drusilla, and a son, Christopher.

A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at the First Universalist Church of Minneapolis, 3400 Dupont Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to John & Dru Cummins Ministerial Internship Fund in c/o First Universalist Church of Minneapolis or the Planned Parenthood of Minnesota.

Notes of condolences can be sent to Carol Cummins, 2440 Brookridge Ave, Golden Valley, MN 55422.

PAUL D. DANIEL

(1945-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Paul D. Daniel, who died on August 5, 2021, at the age of 76.

Paul was born on May 13, 1945, in Milford, CT to Alice and Jones Daniel. As a child, he grew up in a moderately observant Jewish household that included his grandparents. After he had his Bar Mitzvah, he dropped any meaningful observance of Jewish rituals. His family lived in various towns in New Jersey until his teen years and settled in Willingboro, NJ. In 1964, he received his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Education and History from Rutgers University, NJ. Following graduation, he tried teaching school but decided that was not the right career for him. He then worked in sales for more than twenty-five years, spending most years as a mortgage loan officer.

In 1968, Paul married Jane over the opposition of both parents. They searched for a church that could accommodate Jane's Methodist and Paul's Jewish backgrounds and became Unitarians. Paul maintained a love of his religious heritage and found new and meaningful ways to honor those traditions through his adapted Unitarian Universalist faith. Paul and Jane became active members and lay leaders of the UU Church in Cherry Hill, NJ. Paul volunteered as a Chaplain to the AIDS Coalition of Southern New Jersey, Samaritan Hospice and Cooper Medical Center.

In 1995, Paul moved to Raleigh, NC to become a hospital Chaplain. From there, he realized that his call was truly to ordained parish ministry. Before he could honor his call, he accepted himself as a gay man. The greatest loss along his road was his marriage of almost twenty-five years with Jane, his best friend and confidant, but he never looked back or had any substantial doubts on his decision or his call. He attended the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and graduated with his Master of Divinity in 1999. Jane and he remained friendly and co-parented their two sons.



Rev. Daniel was ordained on November 19, 2000, by his home congregation, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill, NJ. He served as an interim minister at James Reeb UU Congregation, Madison, WI from 2000 to 2001. At James Reeb, he addressed diversity in expression of theology, respect for lifestyle differences, compassion, and affirmation. Thereafter, he was called to the UU Congregation of Las Vegas, NV (UUCLV), where he would serve for five years (2001-2006).

He was the UUCLV's first settled minister in fifty-three years. He promoted inspirational and stimulating worship services, and used ritual music, meditation, and readings to promote feelings of spirituality and continuity. He worked with several committees to further the participation of new members within the congregational community and fostered lay leadership and participation in a shared ministry. He served as Worship Committee Chair from 2004-2006.

Rev. Daniel also served the UU Church of the Desert, Rancho Mirage, CA (2006-2009), and the UU Metro Atlanta North Congregation, Roswell, GA (2009-2013). He retired from his active ministry on November 20, 2014. After retirement, he ministered at the UU Fellowship of Pottstown (UUFPP), PA (2015-2018). At the UUFPP, he conducted teaching sessions for the worship committee, helped facilitate board retreats, and taught UU classes.

As a UU minister Rev. Daniel raised his voice against injustice, spoke out strongly for civil marriage as an issue of social justice and the embodiment of moral, ethic and principles of UU faith. He marched in the Gay Pride Parade with the Interweave float and participated in the MLK parade.

In his spare time, Paul liked spending time with his friends and watching television. He found nature to be an important part of his theology and enjoyed walking and being outdoors. He also enjoyed cultural pursuits including theatre and museums.

PAUL D. DANIEL

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Paul is survived by his partner, Richard Kintner (they were to be married on September 11, 2021); his ex-wife, Jane Daniel, and his sons: David Daniel and Peter Daniel; his brothers: Marc Daniel and Alan Daniel, and his sister, Robyn Firth.

Notes of condolences may be sent to the Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the [Unitarian Universalist Church in Cherry Hill](#), 401 Kings Hwy N, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 or to the [UU Congregation of Phoenix](#), 4027 E Lincoln Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

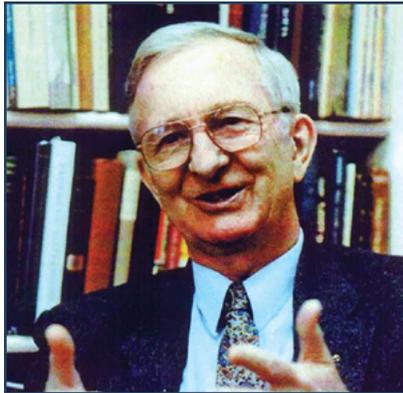
CHARLES W. EDDIS

(1926-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Charles W. Eddis, who died on May 22, 2021, at the age of 94.

Born on July 7, 1926, and raised in Toronto, Canada, Charles attended St. Andrews College in Aurora, Ontario from 1937-1944. Though drawn to science and fascinated with radios, he decided in his senior year to give up the idea of a career in science, anticipating the age of nuclear weapons which would appear two years later. He completed high school focusing his studies on a modern history and languages instead. During a year of service in the Canadian navy he read extensively in philosophy and became a Unitarian. After the war, while attending the University of Toronto doing his BComm, he began attending the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. In 1948, in charge of American Unitarian Youth (AUY) international relations, he attended conferences in Europe and visited Unitarian churches and youth groups in Eastern and Western Europe. He wrote and spoke about his experiences in "Peoples Democracies." He rose to become the President of American Unitarian Youth (U.S. and Canada) in 1949. Associating with Universalist as well as Unitarian youth since 1948, he was present when the first steps were taken that would unite the two youth movements in Liberal Religious Youth in 1953. He served on the first Program Committee of the UUA for three years.

He settled in Cambridge MA, attending the Harvard Divinity School from 1949-1951. As a student minister in Whitman, MA 1950-1951, he discovered his vocation as a parish minister. Dean Speary urged all budding clergy to find a permanent place to summer as a constant in a profession that led to many relocations. The family cottage became the place to recharge, study, research for fall sermons and write papers for the various study groups he was part of. He also went to Meadville Theological School in Chicago to round out his studies and pursue his interest in philosophy. Meadville would later honor him with a Doctor of Divinity in 1979.



In Chicago, the lengthening shadow of McCarthyism alienated him from the country which had felt like home. He resolved to work in Canada, so long as he could make a contribution in his native land. He was sent by the American Unitarian Association to develop a group of 25 persons in Edmonton, Alberta into a Unitarian church. He served the church in Edmonton from 1953-1958. He became President of the Western Canada Unitarian Conference. He also saw the

need for a council to link the Unitarians across Canada together.

While in Edmonton Charles also became vice president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, in which he remained active after the move to Montreal. He was an officer of the Friends of the Indians Society, and its fraternal delegate to meetings of the Indian Association of Alberta.

In 1958, he moved to Pointe Claire, a suburb of Montreal, Quebec, to help a new group of Unitarians meeting there become a full-fledged independent church. His happiest and saddest years were as minister of the Lakeshore Unitarian Church from 1958-1966. He saw the congregation grow from a fellowship to a strong church with a much enlarged and modernized building. It was a large, close-knit community, with a booming religious education program, significant public forums and social events. Many in the congregation were of an age similar to his own. The saddest event was the sudden infant death of his and Nancy's first child, Pamela. A dining room in an orphanage in India was made in her memory through the Unitarian Service Committee (USC). Charles had been working with Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova of the USC, setting up her local visits beginning in 1953 and continued doing so until the mid-1970's.

He was active in the Bicultural Association which met at the Lakeshore Unitarian Church with a group of French Canadians from Montreal east end to share and compare histories and differences. This made Charles feel completely at home in Quebec for the first time.

CHARLES W. EDDIS

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Charles was invited to join a committee to form a conference of Ontario and Quebec congregations. He quickly saw that an intermediary step to create a national body was superfluous. He proposed the immediate formation of the Canadian Unitarian Council and was its first president from 1961-1964.

In 1966, he returned to the United States to serve as the minister of the Unitarian Church of Evanston, a large multi-staff church, in Illinois outside Chicago. There he became the president of the ecumenical Evanston Ministerial Association and a leader in the successful daily demonstrations in 1968 leading to the enactment of laws in Evanston to end racial discrimination in housing. For this he received the Citizen of the Year award from the Chessmen, a black service club, along with the Rev. Jacob Blake, the co-leader of the demonstrations. He worked with Clergy and Laity Concerned About Vietnam, making several trips to Washington. He set up draft counseling on the Chicago North Shore. He became the chair of the Evanston Ecumenical Action Council, the successor to the Evanston Council of Churches. During his years of service there the Evanston Unitarian church went through a renewal, emerging with an improved completed building, and a strong music program.

In 1972, Charles and family did a six-month pulpit exchange with the Rev. Islwyn Pritchard, serving churches northeast of Manchester: Padiham, Todmorden, and Accrington. That summer he attended the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF) Congress in Heidelberg, Germany and became the vice president of the North American Chapter and its newsletter editor.

Charles returned to Canada in 1977 to serve the Unitarian church he first entered decades earlier while in naval uniform: the Unitarian Church of Montreal, formerly known as The Church of the Messiah. Dispirited by the mass exodus of members to Toronto in those heady days of the ascendancy of the French language and politics, he kept the church on a steady course that held hope. He joined in the Greater Montreal Unitarian congregations' submission to the Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism.

In greater Montreal he was active in the peace movement, concerned about nuclear weapons in Canada, the hydrogen bomb, and nuclear testing. This work included leading Project Ploughshares Montreal local group, convening and chairing the Montreal Disarmament Committee which hired and filled 32 busloads of demonstrators for the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament in 1982.

Active as a Canadian board member of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP), in 1982 he organized and led ecumenical services in Mary Queen of the World. Charles was an active member of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal for 34 years and served as its president for five years. He visited Israel with a group of leaders in Canadian Christian-Jewish dialogue in 1983 as he had in 1976 with a group of Illinois leaders in religion and education. In 1984 during the Pope's visit to Montreal Charles sat in the dignitaries' section with the Prime Minister and others having received an invitation through a WCRP connection. He was interviewed by McLean's magazine on the impact of the Pope's visit for all churches. During the Mass he had his sermon writing pen, a Parker 51, blessed.

In 1987, the Church of the Messiah suffered a disastrous fire which destroyed much of the gothic building that had stood proudly on Sherbrooke Street for eighty years. Unitarians have had a presence in Montreal since the 1820's with the present congregation founded in 1842. The spacious sanctuary collapsed its walls knocked down as a public menace. Only the social hall, the offices, and the adjoining house next door remained. At the emergency meeting of the congregation held the following Friday evening it became clear that the congregation was determined to keep going. New church facilities were designed as part of shared space with a high-rise apartment building on the site the church owned. A slump in real estate derailed the project as the proposals were before Montreal City Council. The church started over again, ending up selling its prime location and finding a new location of its own.

CHARLES W. EDDIS

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Areas of service

- First president of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada 1977-1980
- Spent considerable time on ministerial compensation & cross-border pension taxation issues
- Vice President of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association 1981-1983.
- Secretary of the CUC Board of Trustees
- Regional Director of Meadville Conference
- Supervised & encouraged numerous student ministerial interns
- Greenfield Group 1959-1966
- Prairie Group member 1966-2000
- UU United Nation Office Board
- Project Ploughshares Montreal local group
- Christian-Jewish Dialogue
- Centre Refuge

Retirement:

Upon retirement he was made Minister Emeritus of the Unitarian Church of Montreal. He and Nancy lived for a year in Australia and New Zealand, serving churches in Adelaide and Auckland.

Wrote Stephen Fritchman: The American Unitarians and Communism, published 2011

Charles continued to be active in many of the groups he had served with over the years.

Archival Material:

His sermons & other writings are housed in the Harvard University Archives.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

LINDA K. EPPERT

(1954-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Linda K. Eppert, who died on November 18, 2021, at the age of 67.

Linda was born on March 29, 1954, in Cincinnati, OH. She was the older of two girls born to her parents and was raised in the Presbyterian Church. In high school, she dated Steven who was active in the youth group at the church, and they were married after high school. Linda graduated from the Butler County School of Practical Nursing, OH, (1980) and worked for four years as a Licensed Practical Nurse. In 1982, she decided to go back for her Bachelor of Nursing at The College of Mt. St. Joseph, OH. During her time there, she changed her major to Religious Studies/Pastoral Ministry earning her Bachelor of Arts (cum laude) in 1987. After graduation, she took a job with the Cincinnati Presbytery as their Peace Enabler.

Linda began her M. Div. at the United Theological Seminary in the fall of 1990. After the death of her mother (December 1990), she became increasingly aware that she was theologically different than the denomination she was part of. Looking for a new faith, she began attending St. John's UU Church, Cincinnati, OH (1995). Within the community at St. John's, she found a spiritual home, a welcoming congregation, and an acceptance she had found nowhere else. There she was encouraged to become a leader who acted on her worldviews and consciousness, and not the beliefs dictated by others. She found congruency between her calling and the values and principles of UUs. The principle of inclusiveness guided her calling. In 1999, she began the modified Residency Program at Meadville Lombard Theological School, IL to complete her Master of Divinity and graduated in 2002.

Rev. Eppert was ordained on September 23, 2005, by St John's UU Church, Cincinnati, OH. Following ordination, she served as a youth and young adult minister at the Heritage Unitarian Universalist Church, Cincinnati, OH (2006-2009).

Prior to her ordination, Rev. Eppert served St John's Church, Cincinnati, OH in various leadership roles. She facilitated adult education classes, chaired the Worship and Liturgy Committee, and served two years as a Director of Religious



Development Council. She was also Vice President and Chair of the Board. She introduced the concept of Shared Ministry to St. John's congregation. Furthermore, Rev. Eppert was involved in the Heartland District of the UUA as a Conflict Engagement and Right Relations Congregational Consultant. In addition to the work with the new Conflict Team, she was active in young adult and campus ministry programming in the District serving as a chair of the Young Adult and

Campus Ministry Committee. Likewise, Rev. Eppert served on the RE Curriculum Committee (1995) and was an advisor for the YRUU (Young Religious Unitarian Universalist) (1996-2000). From 2002 to 2003, she was the Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Program Support person. Her sermons reflected her passion for peace in the world. They were drawn from other cultural and religious traditions, such as Native American, African American, Buddhist, and Muslim perspectives. Peacemaking was an integral part of her life and witness. She participated in marches and vigils during the Iraqi War.

In her spare time, Linda enjoyed playing board games and cards. She loved traveling especially with her family. She and her husband Steven made an annual summer trek to the North Carolina beach every summer.

Linda is survived by her husband Steven Eppert, her sister, Cynthia (Dapper) Trimbell (Derwood Trimbell); two children, Joshua Eppert (Marcie Wahba) and Erinn (Eppert) Tucker (Christopher Tucker); three grandchildren, and several other family members including a great-nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, John W. Dapper and Mary (Yeager) Dapper.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church, 320 Resor Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45220 on December 28, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to [Cincinnati Public Radio](#).

Notes of condolences can be sent to Steven Eppert, 3102 Cove View Blvd, Apt D108, Galveston, Texas 77554.

CYNTHIA ANN FRADO

(1954-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Cynthia “Cindy” Ann Frado, who died on March 28, 2021, at the age of 66.

Cindy was born on September 27, 1954, on her grandmother’s farm in Somerset, MA. Her parents were from immigrant Portuguese families and attended the Portuguese Roman Catholic Church. Growing up on her grandmother’s farm, she became keenly aware of the cyclical patterns of life; this helped her gain perspective on her relationship with the world.

Cindy attended Boston College, MA where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Theology (1976). After graduation, she took a position as an Associate DRE at St. Joseph’s Church in Needham, MA (1976-1978), and became a teacher and Religious Department Chair at St. Gregory’s High School, MA (1978-1980). She was an Assistant to the President of the Whittemore Associates, Needham, MA for two years. She then worked as a staff assistant at the Winchester Unitarian Society, MA (1984-1986), and as a Secretary/Transcriber at James Luther Adams Foundation, MA (1986-1987). From 1987 to 1989, she was hired as a Youth Advisor/Staff Assistant at the First Parish in Concord, MA.

Cindy’s four years at Boston College were so rich and full that her spirituality was growing and changing rapidly. She started wondering about her relationship with the church. Although she loved the ritual and pastoral nature of the Roman Catholic Church, she felt that there were too many inconsistencies between what she was supposed to believe and what she believed in her heart. She wanted to find a religious space where she could engage the Creator in an uncensored dialogue. In this search, she encountered Unitarian Universalism and felt alive. Her new sense of grounding gave her a more balanced perspective. She no longer felt bound by a particular creed or doctrine, but instead felt a possibility of ministry. In 1991, she graduated from Harvard Divinity School with a Master of Divinity.



Rev. Frado was ordained on May 19, 1991, by the First Parish in Concord, MA. Following her ordination, she was called to the Unitarian Congregation of Mendon and Uxbridge, MA (1991-1993). During her two years there, she started a social outreach program, doubled the church attendance, and began intergenerational and children’s worship services. Her ministry at Mendon and Uxbridge came to an end when a church steeple (a replica of one of the churches) cracked and fell

on her head during a huge parade. After many months of rehabilitation, Rev. Frado decided not to return to full-time ministry for a while.

Rev. Frado resumed her ministerial duty at the UU Church in Rockport, MA as a part-time interim parish minister (1993-1994). At the Rockport congregation, she was a driving force in adult education, fundraising and pastoral care. She was able to unify a diverse congregation and bridged the needs of the elders and those of families with young children. From 1995 to 1997, she served as a part time associate minister at the First Parish in Framingham (1995-1997). At the Framingham congregation, her adult R.E classes were very popular, and she was a wonderful storyteller to the young children.

In 1997, Rev. Frado began a full-time ministry at the UU Congregational Society of Westborough, MA and served until 2013. On June 2, 2013, the Westborough Congregation honored her as their minister emeritus. Thereafter, she served in parish ministry at the First Parish of Northfield Unitarian, MA (2013-2016), and at the UU Society of Amherst, MA (2016-2018).

Rev. Frado’s denominational work included serving as a workshop leader at GA for the Department of Social Justice. She was a member of the UUMA and served as a church administrator and in data services for the First Parish of Northfield Unitarian, MA (2014-2019). For the Clara Barton UUMA Chapter, she served as a UUMA Chapter Leader (2007-2009). In addition, she edited the curriculum *Beginning Unitarian Universalism*.

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Cindy was also a respected leader in the community. She was member of various community organizations in MA, some of which include Framingham WomanSpirit Spirituality Group, Framingham Interfaith Clergy Association, Rockport Clergy Group, Greater Milford Ministerium, Uxbridge Clergy Association and Mass Bay District Board of Directors. She developed an alliance of Rockport ministers and initiated the Interfaith Network for Social Action (INSA) in Cape Anne, MA. She was a Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee for Hopedale Elementary Schools Parent Advisory Council on Education and a clergy member of the Human Rights Board for New England Center for Autism in Southborough, MA.

Cindy's interests were many and varied. She loved to sew, quilt, and do crafty things. Music and theatre were very dear to her heart. She enjoyed picnics, walking in the woods, contemplating oceans and lakes, antiques, museum, mystery novels, and crafts projects. She was fond of flowers, especially dandelions and wild violets. She also loved to write and had her articles published in the Gloucester Daily Times, and the Milford Daily News.

Cindy is survived by her husband, James Walker; daughter Eve Chetwynd and her partner Jason Hendricks; son Alexander Chetwynd and his partner Jennifer Bisceglia; sister Kathleen (Frado) Sousa and her husband William; sister-in-law Chris (Hall) Frado; stepson Jonathan Walker and his wife Catherine; stepdaughter Carolyn Taylor and her husband Matthew; adopted daughter Stefanie Jordão; eight loving grandchildren, Arielle, Hayden, Christian, Jack, Ella, Piper, Elin, and August; and several nieces and nephews. Cindy was predeceased in death by her sister, Madeline Jeffries, and brother, John Frado.

A memorial service was held virtually at 5 pm on Friday, April 9, 2021. The service was [live streamed](#).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [Boston Children's Hospital Trust](#) or checks payable may be mailed to Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 401 Park Drive, Suite 602, Boston, MA 02215. Please include Rev. Cynthia Frado in the memo line.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Alexander Chetwynd, 11 Winston Rd, Worcester, MA 01606.

ROGER E. GREELEY

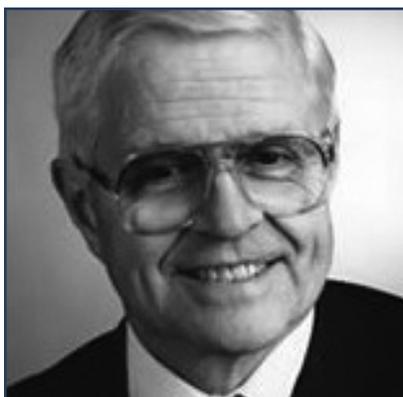
(1923-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Roger “Rog” E. Greeley, who died on October 28, 2021, at the age of 98.

Rog was born on September 16, 1923, in Madison, WI to Dr. Hugh P. Greeley and Floretta Elmore. In 1942, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC). He served the USMC for forty-two months (twenty-four months overseas) until 1946. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, Rog returned to the U.S and settled in Boston. In 1949, he married Katherine (Kay) Purcell, who would become his wife of 70 years.

Rog received his Bachelor (1950) and Masters’ degree (1951) in Education from Boston University, MA. He was contemplating Unitarian ministry but the neo-orthodoxy of schools in the 1950’s caused him to choose teaching. In 1951, he moved to Battle Creek, MI with his wife Kay, and worked as a Social Studies teacher at Battle Creek Central High School (1951-1958).

Rog regularly attended the Kalamazoo church in Michigan until the establishment of the Battle Creek Unitarian Fellowship. There he engaged with adult education and served as president for two years. He spoke in several pulpits and preached frequently and regularly in that vicinity. While Rev. Edwin C. Palmer of the People’s Church of Kalamazoo, MI was still living, Rog filled the pulpit with him. Rev. Palmer was very influential to Rog; after his death, Rog filled the pulpit every Sunday. He decided to leave public teaching and seek Unitarian ministerial fellowship. He felt that this decision would give him a far better opportunity to serve the liberal cause. Meanwhile, the Pulpit Committee of the People’s Church of Kalamazoo asked him to candidate for the position of minister made vacant by the death of Rev. Palmer.



Rog’s wide reading and writing in Unitarian history, his clear thought, his strong character, and his ardent concern for human well being caused the Ministerial Fellowship Committee to grant him an exception of the usual requirements concerning formal ministerial education. His complete forthrightness, care and honesty of his reasoning process, and his clear certainty of what he meant by Unitarian spirit and the meaning and challenges

of the ministry were extremely striking. He was granted preliminary fellowship on June 4, 1957 and ordained on September 17, 1957.

From 1957 to 1985, Rev. Greeley served The People’s Church, Kalamazoo, MI. Under his leadership the church began to take a bold view of its opportunities and responsibilities for a progressive future. In 1959, for the first time in 102 years, an operating budget of the church was successfully raised through subscription in a 12-month period. This was a historic and eventful year for the church. Rev. Greeley did a good deal to enlist leaders and to enthuse them with the possibilities for the future church. He made church a family in a true sense, providing opportunity for people to help one another intelligently, compassionately, and with genuine welfare of the individual as the chief concern. His ministry marked a turning toward solidarity, adequate promotion, good lay leadership, and the beginning of denominational interest. There were no Universalist Churches in Western Michigan; despite comparative isolation, he was able to increase denominational awareness and contribution. Rev. Greeley’s sermons were well received by many people. He had a student group in the church that showed a great deal of interest in the meaning of Unitarianism, many of whom were his high school students when he taught at Battle Creek.

After twenty-eight years of service to one congregation, Rev. Greeley retired from his active parish duty in 1985. Upon retirement, the People’s Church of Kalamazoo honored him as their minister emeritus.

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In addition to his parish ministry, Rev. Greeley sought, accepted, and exercised various positions of leadership in the denomination and in the community most effectively. He was a member of the Arlington Street Church, Boston, MA and served as a director of youth activities at Star Island (3 years) during All Star week (family week). He was vigorous and idealistic. To keep with the best tradition of the Unitarian and Universalist ministries, he toured the country for several years bringing Ingersoll's message of freedom of thought, of living a religion based not only on faith but rather one's own understanding of the world.

Furthermore, Rog provided his services as a lecturer to YWCA and AAUW on problems of internationalism, the election, and the U.N. He served on the local boards of Planned Parenthood, ACLU, and NAACP. In his leisure time, he enjoyed concerts, plays, movies, golf, friends, breakfast out, cruises, sports, and Chicago weekends.

Rog is survived by his three children: Bethany Greeley, Timothy (Janet) Greeley, and Will (Mary) Greeley; his six grandchildren: Elliot (Ali) Kaiman, Emily (Brandon) Haugh, Theodore (Erika) Greeley, Patrick (Amy) Greeley, Nathan (Emily) Greeley, and Matthew (Alyssa) Greeley; as well as his seven great-grandchildren: Malcolm and Otto Kaiman, Lucy and Grady Haugh, Virginia and Finton Greeley, and Adalind Greeley. He was preceded in death by his wife of seventy years, Katherine Purcell.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the [Marine Corps Veterans Association](#).

Notes of condolences may be expressed [online](#).

DIANA MARIE HEATH

(1941-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Diana Marie Heath, who died on September 7, 2021, at the age of 79.

Diana was born on November 10, 1941, in North Hollywood, CA to the late George F. Heath and Mildred H. Wynn. She was raised in Dallas, TX. Although her early religious background was Southern Baptist, she began going to a Unitarian church during high school. There were many feelings that she wanted to examine regarding her rejection of orthodox Christianity. Her spiritual quest carried with it a goal of preparing for a ministry of quality, as well as determination and dedication to act in the world.

Diana received her Bachelor of Liberal Studies in 1977 from the University of Oklahoma following which she graduated with her Master of Theology from Southern Methodist University, TX (1980). Her theological education at Methodist Seminary challenged her to examine religious roots in Protestantism and to examine her religious commitment to Unitarianism and recognize it as her chosen faith.

For twenty years, the Unitarian Church represented to her as a union of people who treated the world as a valued home. In the Southwest, Diana met numerous Unitarians who had similar background as “come-outers” from other religious groups. A deep understanding of her own religious prejudice enabled her to be more sensitive to the prejudice held by the members of the congregation. Her willingness to affirm the religious dimension of her own personal life enabled her to be more supportive of the religious quest of others. She wished to minister in the Unitarian Universalist tradition to share responsibility for a spiritual open space and to recognize connectedness with the creative source of all life.



Rev. Heath was ordained on March 23, 1980, by the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX where she served as a Life Celebration Officer (1977-1979), and as a minister (1980). In 1980, she accepted a call from the UU Church, Rockford, IL and served as an associate minister for three years. After that, she was an interim minister at the First Universalist Parish of Pasadena, CA (1985).

From 1985 to 1988, Rev. Heath ministered at the UU Society East, Manchester, CT. She was their first full-time minister. During her tenure, new people joined, and plans for expansion to the facilities and capital campaign began. After three years at the UU Society East, Manchester, she was called to St. John's UU Church, Cincinnati, OH (1988-1994). At St. John's, she introduced a more spiritual and coherent worship service and helped bring the congregation into stronger connection with the community at large. Also, enlarged facilities, and an upgrade to accessibility within the building occurred during her ministry. At the Orange Coast UU Church, Costa Mesa, CA (1994-1996), Rev. Heath provided excellent Adult RE programs and her monthly introduction to UUism for newcomers were a delight. Her empowering style of ministry at the First UU Church of New Orleans, LA (1997-1998) gave hope as the congregation grieved over the departure of its minister and struggled to maintain the new/old church edifice with a shrinking membership.

From 1998 to 1999, Rev. Heath served as an interim at the Bay Area UU Church, Houston, TX. She helped the congregation through a period of healing and a period of transition from being a strong fellowship to a successful mid-sized church. She prepared the congregation for a new settled minister and mentored appropriately throughout the search process. Likewise, she strengthened the life of the church and was instrumental in reviewing the church structure and policies and encouraged the church to move to a Church Council Format of operations.

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Following the Bay Area UU Church, Rev. Heath was interim minister at the UU Church of Corpus Christi, TX (1999-2000). There, she worked to improve the health of the church and its move to become a more efficient, civil, and effective body politic. During her tenure, the church became a more vital and active congregation in social and administrative ministries as well as in areas of social concerns. Thereafter, she served as an interim minister at the First Unitarian Church of Wilmington Delaware; Wilmington, DE (2000-2001) and the Oak Ridge UU Church, TN (2001-2003).

Rev. Heath retired on May 30, 2003. Following retirement, she continued her commitment to Unitarian Universalism, to the religious spiritual quest and to service through the ministry serving the following congregations: Community UU Church, Pasco, WA (2004-2005); the First UU Church, Detroit, MI (2005-2006); the UU Fellowship of Lower Bucks, Langhorne, PA (2006-2007); Denton UU Fellowship, Denton, TX (2007-2010); Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel, London (2010); and the UU Fellowship of Hidalgo County, San Juan, TX (2011- 2012).

Rev. Heath's sermons brought healing and spirituality to the Sunday morning services. Her broad knowledge of congregational democracy, denominational affairs, proper corporate procedures, and financial consideration were invaluable in promoting the well-being and increased stability in the congregations she served. Strengthening a sense of partnership was a recurring theme of her interim ministry. She invited district leadership and coached the search committee to remind the congregations that they were in partnership with the UUA. She guided the congregations in addressing systemic issues and responded to congregational needs with her wisdom and sensitivity.

In addition to her parish ministry, Rev. Heath provided her services to the denomination and to the community at large. She was a part of the Connecticut Valley District UUMA as continuing education representative and worked closely with two other Hartford area (CT) UU churches. She served

on district committees and undertook several writing projects for the UU World and Kairos. She was an officer of the Ohio Valley District UUMA and hosted an Ohio Valley District conference.

Diana was an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati Medical School team teaching first-year med students. She was a member of the Northern Illinois Pastoral Care Association and served as a ward chaplain at Terrell State Hospital in Terrell, TX. She also served on the program committee of the Lake Geneva Summer Assembly and was a theme speaker and frequent workshop leader on "Science and Religion" and numerous theological topics.

In her spare time, Diana enjoyed travel, cooking, and music. She loved visiting France, England, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, and Alaska. She was a trained French chef from Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary School and taught classes for more than 20 years. She played the piano and was an opera enthusiast.

Diana is survived by her sisters: Georgia Heath Linam, Cheri Heath Fuller, and Marilyn Heath Morgan; her brother, George F. Heath Jr.; her daughters: Judith Tiller Meine, Wynne Tiller Terlizzi, Anne-Marie Niemeck Miller, Jennifer Diane Niemeck, and their spouses; her grandchildren: James Tiller, Clint Meine, Matthew Meine, Domenico Terlizzi, Elona Terlizzi, Giacomo Terlizzi, Madison Miller, Ryan Miller, William Miller, Sara Natasha Luz, and Darius Georgaras; and great granddaughter Amelia Marie Tiller.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, 4015 Normandy Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Genesis Women's Shelter: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dianamarieheath.

Notes of condolences can be sent to Judy Meine, 1804 Tartan Drive, Carrollton, TX 75006.

PATRICIA JIMÉNEZ

(1947-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Patricia “Patty” Jiménez, who died on November 14, 2021, at the age of 74.

Patty was born on January 24, 1947, in Taos, New Mexico to a family whose faith was Presbyterian. She was the older of two children with a brother David, ten years her junior. Significant in her upbringing were her maternal grandparents with whom she lived for the first few years of her life. In 1969, Patty earned her Bachelor of Arts from New Mexico State University following which she received a Masters’ degree in Journalism, a profession she worked at for several years in both Arizona and New York.

Over time, Patty was confronted with spiritual issues such as the meaning of illness; suffering in a person’s life; the loss of hope; the meaning of a child’s suffering, etc. After many years of searching, she experienced a sense of homecoming when she attended the Unitarian Church in Tucson, AZ. There she felt comfortable with her religious beliefs, while at the same time, she was challenged on a human level to make a difference. This caused her to be involved with hospice work and its spiritual level of interaction. She felt called to the UU ministry in the specialized area of hospice or hospital chaplaincy leading her eventually to seminary. In 1994, she graduated from Andover Newton Theological School, MA with her Master of Divinity degree.

Rev. Jiménez was ordained on October 8, 1995, by the First Unitarian Church of San Jose, CA, where she became the first Latina minister in the denomination and served as a community minister (1995-1999). At the San Jose congregation, she worked to strengthen the Pastoral Care ministry. She developed and launched a Pastoral Associates program in the church and helped to plan the monthly services in Spanish. Her ability to communicate with native Spanish speaking members of the church was a big asset. From 1996 to 1998, she was a chaplain at the Summit Hospital, San Jose, CA, where she provided pastoral care to patients and their families and staff members.



In 1998, Rev. Jiménez joined the Sparrow Health System, MI as a staff chaplain. There she served the oncology unit, the women’s services floor, rehabilitation, and a fifteen-bed in-house hospice. She planned and led memorial services twice a year for all adults who died within the Sparrow Health System and co-facilitated grief support groups, family support groups, and medical ethical discussions. Furthermore, she facilitated a series of workshops for area clergy regarding

hospice, issues of dying, death, and grief. She started a vipassana meditation group and instituted a meditation time for staff, and a class on spirituality for women recovering from breast cancer. She was a keynote speaker in a series for nurses on spirituality. She served on the committee which implemented programs and oversaw the use of the Center for Health and Wellbeing. In addition, she participated on the hospital ethics board. Thereafter, she offered her ministry to the UU Church of Greater Lansing, East Lansing, MI as their endorsed community Minister (1998-2005). From 2005 to 2021, Rev. Jiménez was a Chaplain to the Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Rev. Jiménez served the denomination as a member of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, CA, and as a founding member of DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries). She served on the UUMA executive committee and was the first elected chair of the Latino/a Unitarian Universalist Networking Association (LUUNA).

Rev. Jiménez taught classes on cultural sensitivity and competence, and religious differences to hospital staff, community clergy, and congregations. Her services spoke of a sense of commitment to values, and the true meaning of life being reflected in actions taken from deep-felt convictions. Her sermons expressed the need to volunteer for community service. She maintained a meaningful pastoral relationship with the patient for whom she had pastoral oversight. She had an abiding interest in health, particularly in the health of others, and had a strong sense of suffering in the world. She was people-oriented, and human rights and human dignity were always on the forefront of her life’s agenda.

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Patty's sister-in-law Kamala Menon recalled, "My mother Kalpakkam Seshan received much-needed solace with Patty. She was a loving and supportive partner in my brother Krishna's life."

Patty is survived by her sister-in-law Kamala Menon, her nephew Karthik Menon and her niece Mallika Menon. She was predeceased by her husband Krishna Seshan.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the charity of one's own choosing.

Notes of condolences can be written [here](#).

JAN VICKERY KNOST

(1934-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Jan V. Knost who died on August 22, 2021, at the age of 86.

Jan was born on November 19, 1934, in Pasadena, CA to UU minister Reverend Richard William Knost and Rosalie (Quigley) Knost. Jan was influenced by his father and grew to know ministry as a way of life. In 1956, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and English Literature from St. Lawrence University, NY following which he received his Bachelor of Divinity from St. Lawrence Theological School (1959). From there, he pursued further theological and graduate studies at Harris Manchester College at Oxford University, as well as Boston and Brown Universities.

Rev. Knost was ordained on January 24, 1960, by the First Universalist Church, Providence, RI where he served his first ministry (1959-1963). He then accepted a call from the First Universalist Church of North Attleboro, MA (now Murray UU Church). He served the North Attleboro congregation (1963-1968) where his work with parents, youths and leadership was invigorating. In 1968, he was called to the First Church and Parish in Dedham, MA (1968-1979), where he enjoyed years of fruitful and creative ministry. The congregation encouraged him to run for a contested position as Trustee to the UUA Board of Trustees from the Mass Bay District (67 churches). He won election and served a four-year term. During that same time, he served the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. He also worked with the Continental Committee that was responsible for raising funds for the UUA's annual budget.

From 1979 to 1985, Rev. Knost ministered at the Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, NJ. After Beacon, he served the First UU Church of San Antonio, TX (1985-1990), and then the Emerson UU Church of Houston, TX (1990-1997). On March 31st, 1997, he retired from active ministry and thereafter pursued interim ministries supporting the established work of the congregations he served.



In 1997, Rev. Knost accepted his first interim position with the UUs of Clearwater, FL. He provided pastoral healing, helped church attendance go up, and most importantly, there was a marked cheerfulness in the church. Afterward, he served the UU Congregation of Santa Fe, NM (1999-2000), where he worked on a new system of governance that made communication better and assisted in heightening the level of volunteerism.

He began a process of creating an appreciation of the church's history and worked closely with the worship, R.E., and caring committees energizing the church. Subsequently, he was interim minister at the First Parish of Norwell, MA (2000-2002). He helped the worship committee broaden congregation input into the worship experience, facilitated conversation and planning for a major social justice/community involvement project, and initiated programs to address declining membership.

Rev. Knost served as a half time interim minister at the UU Congregation of South County (UUCSC), Peace Dale, RI. At UUCSC, he worked with the stewardship committee on increasing their effectiveness to raise funds, encouraged the membership committee to reorganize and reallocate their membership, and helped the Lay Pastoral Care team grow to meet the needs of the congregation.

Rev. Knost's denominational affiliation included serving the Universalist Youth Fellowship (UVF) as Vice-President for Illinois (1951). He also provided his services to the Liberal Religious Youth Continental Committee (1954). He was assistant Dean of the Ferry Beach Family Life Institute. Furthermore, he served the Universalist Church of Rhode Island under various positions: as a member of the Executive Board (1959-1963), as Chairman of the Nominating Committee (1960), and as Chairman of the Association of Universalist Men (1961). He also served as Secretary of the Ballou Channing District Minister's Association (1964). In addition to his ministerial career, he served as Chaplain and Member of the Lodge of St. Andrew in Boston, MA since 1972.

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Jan also devoted much of his life to social justice work. Marching for racial equality was as important to him, as fighting for world peace and nuclear disarmament. He had active community involvements and was a member of various community boards including Family Life, Planned Parenthood, and Committee to the Stop War in Vietnam. Likewise, he was a member of The Fraters of the Wayside Inn, the Prairie Group Conference, Harper's Ferry Conference, and the Greenfield group.

Jan served as a counselor, preacher, administrator, and as a teacher, striving among the people he served to learn more of the great truth of the universe, of god, and of man. In his spare time, he enjoyed gourmet cooking, gardening, and travel. His avocations were fishing, golf, poetry, classical music, and his grandchildren. He was the author of several books and poetry including "*Vertical Thoughts & Horizontal Comments*" and "*The Invisible Sun*".

Jan is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lorna Ruth; his son, Keith William Knost; his daughter, Kristan Beth Knost McCarthy and her husband Mike; his daughter, Jana Marcy Knost Battiloro and her husband Chris; and his daughter, Amy Kathryn Knost Connor and her husband Patrick Jr.; as well as his nine grandchildren: Anna Brielle Butler, Jonah Nathaniel Butler, Jensen Cole Butler, Katherine Jan McCarthy, Linnea Faith Battiloro, Christopher Zachary Battiloro, Meghan Elizabeth Battiloro, Haley Bridget Connor, and Patrick Michael Connor III. He is also survived by his brother, Dr. Peter Noel Knost.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a cause in Jan's name that will contribute to the greater good of humanity.

Notes of condolences can be written [here](#).

CLARENCE J. LASONDE

(1928-2022)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Clarence “Pete” J. LaSonde, who died on March 29, 2022, at the age of 93.

Pete was born on June 15, 1928, in Worcester, MA to Louisa Denoyelle and Joseph Alexander LaSonde. His parents were non-practicing Catholics. In his teens, he joined a boy scout troop and, along with it, a young people’s group, and the Congregational church. Those groups had a major influence on his life. His relationship with the church at that time was more for social than religious reasons.

Pete received his associate degree in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Junior College, MA (1947), and worked in a photographic company for two years. In 1950, he married Beverly Joyce Norcross; and just after, in 1951 he was drafted into the US Army. Subsequently, Pete entered Officer’s Candidate School, and was assigned to the Signal Corps, as well as trained as an Army Aviator. Upon discharge from active duty in 1955, he enrolled at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst graduating with a Bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering (1958). After graduation, his professional career was centered at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory and at the MITRE Corporation, a non-profit Federal Contract Research Centre, where he worked as a Systems Engineer for the U.S. Air Force. His thirty-year tenure there focused on the establishment of large systems like European and North American air defense; the United States air traffic control; and national defense command and control.

Pete began attending a Unitarian parish about the time his daughter began attending church school. His involvement with Unitarianism exposed him for the first time to liberal religious views. Over the years he was attracted to the intellectual life of the church. He had an emerging and longstanding interest in dealing with religious concerns but was not driven by it until his wife’s death. In the spring of 1987, when his wife of thirty-six years died, his life and his view of life, in general, were altered dramatically. After thirty years as a systems engineer, he decided to enter seminary in



search of religious meaning and to grow while helping others to find their way as well. He entered Harvard Divinity School to train as a parish minister; there he discovered his calling to the ministry of pastoral counseling. In 1991, he received his Master of Divinity. His senior thesis is titled “Clergy Sexual Abuse”.

Rev. LaSonde was ordained to the Unitarian Universalist ministry on June 16, 1991, by the First Church of Christ,

Lancaster, MA where he carried out his first ministry (1990-1991). During his tenure at First Church, the religious education committee was regenerated and modifications to Sunday School operations were made to enhance the teaching. Thereafter, Rev. LaSonde worked as a Pastoral Counselor at the Boston Christian Counseling Center (BCCC), MA for fourteen years. He was compassionate and insightful in dealing with people in pain and communicating the love of God knowledgeably and effectively. He could evoke a feeling of trust in others and would be seen as a source of strength and stability by those who worked with him. He also taught and led spirituality groups and created newsletters and databases for the Center. His work at the BCCC led him deeply into the study of spiritual aspects of strongly bonded relationships.

In addition to his counseling ministry, Rev. LaSonde was a regular preacher at King’s Chapel in Boston, MA. Furthermore, he represented the denomination as a member of the UU Christian Fellowship, the UUCF minister’s group for theological discussion, and Star Island Corporation.

Pete was a member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Following his retirement at BCCC, he volunteered as a caseworker for the Department of Children and Families and loved teaching English as a Second Language. He served as an on-call Chaplain for the Massachusetts General Hospital. In his leisure time, he enjoyed biking, walking, symphony, theater, movies, and the Red Sox. He loved downhill skiing and did it several times each winter with friends and family. He worked in stained glass and read voraciously-especially mysteries. He had season tickets to the symphony and attended regularly with friends.

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Pete is survived by his son Christopher LaSonde; daughters: Mallory LaSonde, and the Rev. Andrea LaSonde Anastos; and son-in-law, the Rev. George C. Anastos; as well as three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

A memorial service was held on April 6, 2022, in Marlborough, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the [Hudson Community Food Pantry](#), 28 Houghton Street, Hudson, MA 01749.

Notes of condolences can be sent to the Rev. Andrea LaSonde Anastos, 6842 Pine Arbor Lane South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016.

JOHN N. MARSH

(1955-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. John N. Marsh, who died on June 6, 2021, at the age of 65.

John was born on October 6, 1955, in Brockton, MA to John M. Marsh and Carol N. Marsh. His family had lived in Norwell, MA for generations and were associated with both the Unitarian and Universalist churches. Somewhere in grade school, John thought of ministry as something he would like to do. His understanding of it then was that it involved wearing a robe, lighting candles, and telling stories. He was sure he would be very good at it. By the time he was in high school, he was inspired by the idea of Harvard Divinity School and its tradition of academic excellence. His understanding of ministry, its possibilities and its limits grew considerably, and his sense of calling continued.

In 1977, John received his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst where he graduated magna cum laude. Later that year he joined Harvard Divinity School to fulfill his long-held dream. While attending Harvard, he worked as Director of Religious Education at the Arlington Street Church in Boston, MA. At the same time as preparing for fellowship as a parish minister, John enrolled in the UUA's Independent Study Program of becoming an accredited Minister of Religious Education. In 1982, he earned his Master of Divinity.

Rev. Marsh was ordained into the Unitarian Universalist Ministry in 1982. He served the First Unitarian Church of Los Angeles, CA as a Minister of Religious Education from 1982 to 1984. Subsequently, he served the Unitarian Church of Edmonton, Alberta (1986-1995) and the First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco, CA (1995-2004). In both Edmonton and San Francisco congregations, he worked with lay leaders to include children in more worship events and other activities. In San Francisco, he was instrumental in helping the congregation start a bell choir, promoted the integration of the children's choir with the life of the larger congregation and incorporated dance and other art forms in the worship services.



The most rewarding experience of Rev. Marsh's San Francisco ministry was the 1997-1998 San Francisco Capital Fund Drive. After the earthquake of 1989, the State of California raised safety requirements for public buildings. The historic sanctuary required reinforcing, and there were many other long neglected maintenance projects and many long-postponed improvements (including projects to increase accessibility). The minimal cost required was \$850,000;

through a year of planning, a half-year of intensive asking, and three years of collecting the San Francisco Capital Fund Drive exceeded its goal of raising \$2.3 million.

Following San Francisco, Rev. Marsh served his interim ministries at the UU Church of Utica, NY (2004-2005); May Memorial UU Society, NY (2005-2007); and the First Parish UU of Arlington, MA (2007-2009). In all these congregations, he contributed to church fundraising and financial planning.

At May Memorial, Social Justice and Religious Education experienced its most dramatic improvements. He worked together with lay leadership to establish a Program Council and to make the entrance to the building attractive, warm, and welcoming through seasonal displays.

From 2008 to 2009, Rev. Marsh was Mass Bay UUMA Chapter Leader and settled minister at the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa, Ontario from 2009 to 2016. Thereafter, he again continued his services as an interim minister at the UU Congregation of the South Jersey Shore, Pomona, NJ (2016-2017); the UU Church of Greater Lansing, MI (2017-2019); and the Unitarian Society of New Haven, CT (2019-2020). He helped all the congregations he served grow stronger as an institution and as a progressive force in the community.

Rev. Marsh's denominational affiliation included serving as a Ministerial Settlement Representative for the Pacific Central District (1998-2003). He also had significant involvements with church camps and retreats. He was the RE week staff for five years at Star Island (1977-1981), and children's program coordinator at Ferry Beach for one summer. In Edmonton, he directed weeklong programs at Moonlight

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Bay, a camp for underprivileged youth run by the United Church of Canada.

In 1996, John was honored with the *Annual Social Justice Award* of the Western Canada District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. In 2004, he was awarded the *Unitarian Universalists for Ethical Treatment of Animals Special Award* for his various works, including commencing an annual service for the “Blessing of the Animals” at the San Francisco UU Church.

John’s community work focused on abolishing the death penalty. He was founding chair of the board of directors of the California People of Faith Working to End the Death Penalty (1987). During his spring 2003 sabbatical, he made weekly visits to two men on death row at the San Quentin Prison. In the spring of 2005, John testified on some of the negative aspects of the death penalty before a joint committee hearing of the NY State Assembly. The process undertaken by the Assembly resulted in NY being the first state to get rid of its death penalty after reintroducing it. He also served the San Francisco Public Schools Middle School Language Arts Textbook Selection Committee.

In his spare time, he enjoyed playing piano, weight training, cross country skiing, snowboarding, bicycling, and cooking.

John’s wife Alison shared:

“Our children and I supported his wide-ranging career. We are actively missing him in our day-to-day life. He was a warm and friendly man with a keen sense of humor. He loved playing Pokemon Go and chess and loved listening to music and books. He was funny and gentle and interested in the world around him.

John had a major stroke in June of 2020 and had subsequent medical events leading to his death June 6, 2021. During the pandemic and his recovery at home, he continued to explore his interest in UU history and wrote a sermon which was read by Jesse Griest DRE at the Unitarian Society of North Haven and by the Rev. Rali Weaver, minister at Dedham UU.”

John is survived by his father, John Milton Marsh; brother, Stephen (Laurie); sisters, Jane, Susan (Scott Jones); cousins, nieces, and nephews; and extended family. He leaves his wife, Alison; children, James, Aidan and Robin; and grandchildren, Daniel and Nina. He was predeceased by his mother Carol Newcomb Marsh.

A virtual memorial service was held at 3 pm EST, on Sunday June 27, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Unitarian Universalist churches, or to support voter enrollment, gun control legislation and ameliorating climate change legislation.

Notes of condolences may be written [here](#).

DENIS G. MEACHAM

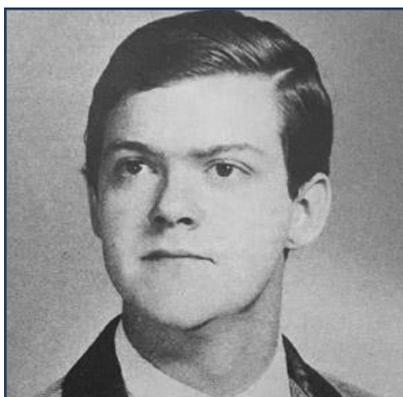
(1943-2019)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Denis G. Meacham, who died on March 20, 2019, at the age of 76.

Denis was born into an Irish Catholic family in New York City on January 5, 1943. His childhood was filled with friends, travel, and music. He started playing guitar when he was eight years old, and by the time he was in high school he wrote music and played for parties, often with his sister. He did well in school graduating as valedictorian of his class. In 1966, he received his Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. After college, he supported himself as a musician, and eventually settled into a job as a scientist/medicine copy editor for the first edition of the American Heritage Dictionary. This was the beginning of a thirty-year career in publishing and communications, as an editor, and almost ten years as a professor of communications at Boston University, MA.

Denis and his wife Janet married at the All Souls UU Church in NY in 1969. They attended UU services on and off for the next ten years. In 1979, they were looking for a church school for their kids and got connected with the First Unitarian Society of Newton (FUSN), MA. They joined FUSN in 1980 and quickly became involved in community work and church governance.

In 1985, Denis graduated from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, MA with his Master of Public Administration, majoring in International Relations/Conflict Resolution. The turning point for him in terms of ministry came when he was asked to become a lay minister at FUSN (1985). He served as a lay minister for twelve years sermonizing, extending minister's outreach to the sick and housebound, and counseling folks with addiction problems. His lay ministry encouraged him to seek further education as an addiction therapist, and eventually to go to seminary with the conviction that he was called to a ministry with people troubled by addictions. In 2002, he earned his Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA, with an emphasis on pastoral counseling.



Rev. Dr. Meacham was ordained on June 2, 2002 by the First Parish Brewster (FPB) UU, Brewster, MA. He served as a founder and director of the Center for Addictions Ministry (CAM) at the FPB from 2002 to 2019, and as a community minister from 2004 to 2008. He began reorganizing lay ministry at the FPB, involved more people, and created new opportunities for ongoing training (empowerment) and supervision. The CAM provided support and guidance to faith communities that

wished to learn how to minister to people dealing with addictions. In 2005, FPB won the E.O. Pickett Award citing its national addiction ministry.

Rev. Dr. Meacham was highly active in UU affairs. He served as an advisor to the Denominational Affairs Committee and was a part of a group creating workshops for Ministry Days and for the UUMA Center presentation around clergy self-care regarding drug/alcohol use. He presented the concept of addiction ministry through sermons and workshops within the Ballou Channing District (BCD) UU societies, at GA (workshops in 2002 and 2004), at the BCD 2002 fall conference and at a BCD young adult conference. Furthermore, he was on-call for pastoral care at the UU Meeting House in Chatham for six months.

Rev. Dr. Meacham wrote for various publications on health and healing subjects. His book "The Addiction Ministry Handbook: A Guide for Faith Communities", published by Skinner House, June 2004 was widely used by congregations that offered addiction ministry.

Interdenominationally, Denis participated in the Cape Cod Council of Churches, and the Parish Nurses of Cape Cod. He was involved with youth work on the district and national level, doing curriculum planning, and leading workshops for members of the youth caucus, etc. He was certified and licensed by the state of MA as a drug/alcohol counselor. His ministry offered strong motivation to serve others and to help persons gain greater control over life problems.

Additionally, Denis served as a member of a behavioral health working group of the Lighthouse Health Access Alliance, MA (an organization within the Barnstable

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County Department of Health and Human Services) and was active with a programming committee of the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod. He offered classes on spiritual aspects of addiction at Cape Cod Community College and sat on a behavioral health steering committee of the Barnstable County (Cape Cod) Health and Human Services Department. Moreover, Denis worked as an on-call chaplain at Cape Cod Hospital, MA. He provided grief counseling and in-service workshops on end-of-life issues at several skilled nursing facilities in Cape Cod.

Denis was also a poet. He wrote his senior final review paper in poetry while at Princeton. His later works reflected addictions, illness, loss basically embracing the whole catastrophe of life. After losing his wife to Alzheimer's disease, Denis wrote many more including "Hope."

"Hope

Perhaps hope is like the skin:

It holds you safely in,

Anywhere, everywhere,

Even if you don't understand

Or even usually notice.

Perhaps hope

Is the spirit's skin."

Denis is survived by his daughter Kate Langevin (Paul), son Sam Meacham, grandsons Ethan and Brandon Langevin, and sister Pam Hutcherson (Barry Thompson). He was preceded in death by his wife Janet Harper.

A celebration of Denis's life was held on May 11, 2019, at the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Chatham, MA.

WILLIAM R. MURCHISON

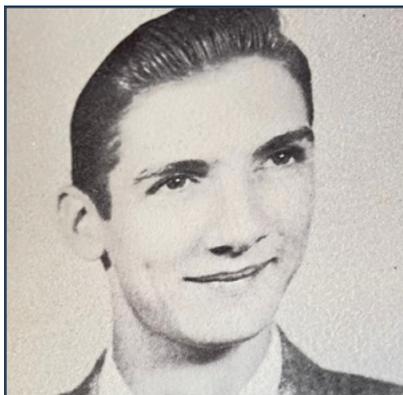
(1930-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. William “Bill” R. Murchison, who died on August 1, 2021, at the age of 90.

Bill was born on October 7, 1930, in Crockett, TX. While in high school, he participated in the school band and newspaper and made a valiant effort to play football. He was deeply involved in the local Presbyterian Church. The ministers of his church were the most learned intelligent people that he had ever encountered. He had a great admiration for them and wanted to be deeply involved in his religion.

During the first 20 years of his life, Bill lived, worked, and studied within a 60-mile radius of his place of birth. He received his Bachelor of Science from Stephen F. Austin State College, TX (1954). Following graduation, he attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and earned his E.D. in Theology. He served as a pastor for two Presbyterian churches for a total of eight years and as a medical chaplain for a year. It was during this time he began to doubt the tenets of the Christian faith and the teachings of the Presbyterian Church. His theological concerns caused him to wonder what path to take. He obtained his Master of Science in photography from the Illinois Institute of Technology (1972) and began a career as a college teacher of photography. Over years he had the opportunity to grow in the liberal tradition and be a part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Odessa, TX, (1974) and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, TX. Now, with the confirmed belief that the liberal religion has much to offer humankind, Bill once again wanted to engage in activities of ministry as a parish minister to the people of the Unitarian Universalist church.

In 1995, Rev. Murchison was offered a one-year position as an interim minister at the Dallas North Unitarian Church in Plano, TX. He helped the board address organizational issues and organized a Spiritual Listening workshop to address the desire for increased attention to spirituality in the congregation. After that he served as an interim minister



at the UU Fellowship of Waco, TX (1997); the UU Fellowship of Galveston County, TX (1997-1998); the UU Church of Lexington, KY (1999); and the UU Congregation of Tahlequah, OK (1999-2000). His guidance and enthusiasm made it easy to establish the “Wayside Pulpit” project for the UU Church of Springfield, MO where he served from 2000 to 2001. Subsequently, Rev. Murchison served his interim ministry at the Community Church UU, New Orleans, LA (2001-

2002) and the UU Fellowship of Northern Nevada, Reno, NV (2002-2003). The Nevada congregation had never had a settled minister, and he defined the ministerial position and assisted the congregation in learning to work with a minister.

At the UU Fellowship of Gainesville, FL (2003-2004), Rev. Murchison built confidence and skills amongst Governing Board members. He helped promote better interaction with the District and the UUA and provided insights on how to deal with dissident factions and disruptive behavior. From 2005 to 2006, he carried out his duty of interim ministry at the UU Church of Tallahassee, FL (2005-2006). Thereafter, he served the North Shore UU Society of Louisiana, Lacombe, LA (2006-2007) where he led Heart to Heart sessions with a group of members and insisted on reestablishing proper boundaries and relationships between the minister and congregants. In 2008, he served the First UU Church of Wichita Kansas, KS.

Rev. Murchison provided utmost leadership and the greatest influence while serving in the capacity of an ordained UU minister. He made suggestions to the congregations on how to proceed into the future and was readily available to anyone who needed him. For the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX, Rev. Murchison served on the Denominational Affairs Committee which led him to become the Liaison for Church Groups on the Church Council. He also was a coordinator of the First Church’s Grocery Certificate Program and their Befriender program. Additionally, he served as a Chaplain at the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute.

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Rev. Murchison marched in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade in Covington and attended a program on King's life following the parade. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, travel, camping, and photography. He also had his photography books published.

Bill is survived by his sons: Adlai Rucker Murchison and William Vincent Murchison; and grandsons Mac Thompson Murchison and Smith William Murchison. The last of his generation, he enjoyed the love and adoration of countless nieces, nephews, cousins, second cousins, and all the descendants of his siblings, along with their loved

ones. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Lee Murchison.

His graveside service was held in Crockett, Texas on August 7, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the charity of one's own choosing.

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ERNEST D. PIPES, JR.

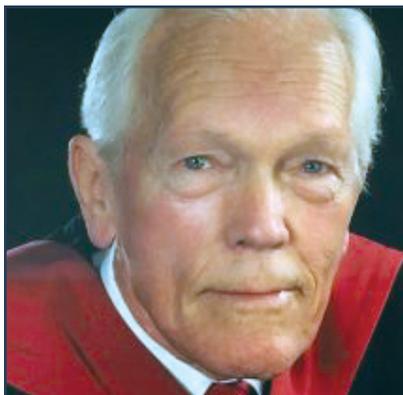
(1926-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Ernest “Ernie” D. Pipes, Jr., who died on February 10, 2021, at the age of 94.

Ernie was born on October 6, 1926, in San Antonio, TX to Ernest D. Pipes and Ora Lemon Pipes. He completed his Freshman and Sophomore years at Rice Institute in Houston where he studied Chemical Engineering. In 1944, due to his chemical engineering training, when he entered the Navy, he was placed in the Fire Control School at the Naval Base in San Diego. He was trained in gunnery Fire Control in both San Diego and Florida. He spent eleven months abroad serving on the Destroyer 558 in the Pacific and was discharged in 1946.

In early 1947, Ernie joined a program of the Unitarian Church in San Antonio, TX. He returned to college to study Philosophy and received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Religion from Trinity University, TX (1949). At this time, he developed quite an interest in social sciences, and did a great deal of work in sociology and economics. In the year or two that followed, he became increasingly aware of the rich possibilities in the work of religious liberalism. The intellectual freedom offered by the Unitarian tradition allied with his active practice of respect for human reason and human dignity. He wanted to contribute to the shared quest for good living. Unitarianism was that established institution in which he could work to achieve ends which were significant to him. In the wake of this call, he entered Harvard University (1949), and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1952.

Rev. Pipes was ordained on June 27, 1951, by the First Unitarian Congregation of San Antonio, TX. Following his ordination, he served as a pastor at the Unitarian Fellowship of the Sabine Area, TX (1951). He then served in parish ministry at the First UU Society of Albany, NY (1952-



1956). In 1956, he accepted a call from the UU Community Church of Santa Monica (UCCSM), CA and served for thirty-five years until 1991. His ministry at Santa Monica stressed diversity and freedom in the congregation and in the pulpit. He counselled women on obtaining safe abortions. He made church an intellectually stimulating community center where diversity of programs and activities were fostered to meet the interest and needs of a wide

range of individuals. In 1991, he retired from his active parish ministry. Upon his retirement, UCCSM honored him as their minister emeritus. Also, in 1991, UCCSM established an annual lecture series named *Ernie Pipes Lecture Series* which presents speakers on social justice, religion, philosophy, and other topics of worldly concerns. After retirement, Rev. Pipes continued leading classes and discussion groups for UCCSM.

Rev. Pipes’ denominational affiliation included serving as a delegate from Mohawk Valley, NY to the Middle Atlantic States Regional Council. For the Pacific Coast Unitarian Council (Regional Board), he served as a member (1959-1962) and as President (1960-1961). Additionally, he served as President of the Council of Liberal Ministers, Los Angeles (1959-1961).

Rev. Pipes was a member of the Citizen’s Committee for Albany, NY Public Schools; National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He provided his services as a Vice-President to the West Los Angeles-Santa Monica Fair Housing Committee (1960-1961), and to the Santa Monica-Bay Area Ministerial Association. He was one of the board members of Sunset Hall, a retirement home for progressive elders started by the Women’s Alliance of the First Unitarian Church in Los Angeles, CA. He taught Philosophy of Religion and Systems of Ethics in the Department of Adult Education at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

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Ernie had great interests in comparative religion and the nature of human consciences. In his spare time, he enjoyed family activities and loved reading. He occasionally published book reviews in the Journal of Liberal Religion and Frontier Magazine.

Ernie is survived by his children: Bruce, Heather, and Gordon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Cope Pipes.

A virtual memorial service was held at 1 pm on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the [Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Monica](#), 1260 18th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404.

JEANNE MARIE PUPKE

(1955-2022)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Jeanne Marie Pupke, who died on February 9, 2022, at the age of 66.

Jeanne was born on May 26, 1955, in Mineola, NY to a Catholic household. She was the oldest of seven children. Growing up in a Catholic family and attending Catholic schools strongly impacted her early years. She drank deeply from the stories of faith and liberation theology. After years of inspiration, she ventured into religious life as a Catholic sister. However, as the Church hierarchy became more conservative, she left the convent and began a business career.

When Jeanne attended a Sunday service at the First Unitarian Church in Portland, OR, she knew she had found a spiritual home. In Unitarian Universalism she found the freedom to integrate her values with a faith community that honored her intellectual integrity, theology, and spirituality. She served on the Board of the Portland church from 1999 to 2001. Her involvement with Unitarian Universalism reawakened her desire to serve in ministry. She responded to this call by applying to Meadville Lombard Theological School. In 2004, she graduated with a Master of Divinity degree.

Rev. Pupke was ordained on April 5, 2005, by Cedars UU Church, Bainbridge Island, WA. From 2004 to 2006, she served as consulting minister to the UU Fellowship of Central Oregon, Bend, OR. Her ministry at Central Oregon was marked by increased congregational participation in community activities, social action, and interfaith work. One expression of that work was the fundraising they did to buy a fishing boat for an Indian Ocean tsunami victim. As a result of its renewed energy, the church grew and moved into its first home. During this time, Rev. Pupke's denominational services included serving as an Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest UU Growth Fund (2005-2022).



In 2006, Rev. Pupke was called to the First UU Church of Richmond, VA, where she began a sixteen-year ministry. As the senior minister, Rev. Pupke increased the church's visibility as a voice for social justice. Under her guidance, the Social Responsibility Council redefined itself and its activities adopting a theme of racial and economic justice. Rev. Pupke made sure that the church had a presence at every protest event in the community. She actively fought against the passage of

an anti-gay marriage amendment to the Virginia constitution and made that commitment visible by displaying an inclusive marriage banner on the church building. After marriage equality was achieved, the congregation replaced that banner with one that declared that, even in the former Capital of the Confederacy, Black Lives Matter.

Rev. Pupke's understanding of organizational dynamics, big-picture thinking, and clear plans enabled the congregation to grow its membership, develop its staff, increase financial and emotional stewardship, and renovate its building all while modeling healthy community-building. She successfully lobbied the church leadership to resume paying Fair Share to the UUA. She made the congregation historically conscious of its position in the community and its ability to make a "real" difference. She inspired change within the congregation through her sermons on growth, stewardship, radical welcoming, and building the beloved community. She was equally concerned about issues such as racial equity, peace, and economic justice, yet she remained apolitical and respectful of others' views.

As a founding member and a director of the UU Legislative Ministry in Virginia, Rev. Pupke frequently testified at the Virginia General Assembly for racial justice, women's, LGBTQI, and youth rights. In a city with serious racial injustice, Rev. Jeanne led her congregation's partnership with the African American gospel choir Nu Beginning and a majority Hispanic elementary school, Cardinal Elementary. Through her leadership, the congregation launched Richmondpledge.org, a community-wide effort to end racism.

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As a ministerial internship supervisor and a member of the Meadville Lombard Theological School's Board of Trustees, Rev. Pupke had an unfailing commitment to teaching ministerial students to grow the faith. One of her favorite activities was a theological reading and discussion group she started for all UUs in the area interested in ministry. Her ministerial peers and interns have named her a bright light and faithful and dedicated servant of God. Her integrity and commitment to doing the right thing inspired many.

In other denominational affairs work, Rev. Pupke facilitated many Southeast District and national meetings, offered her assistance to many churches in Virginia, and provided leadership to the Virginia Cluster of ministers. In addition, Rev. Pupke served a four-year term on the UUA Board of Trustees (2009-2012), where she chaired the Finance Committee. She ran as a candidate for UUA president in 2017.

Rev. Pupke demonstrated her compassion and leadership when responding to the death of the UU minister in Norfolk. She traveled to the Norfolk congregation weekly to provide ministerial and board support on her day off. She engaged the Richmond UU Lay Pastoral Care Team and her interns to provide pastoral, worship, and moral support. Showing up to help in times of need was a cornerstone of Rev. Pupke's theology and practice.

Her favorite hobby was spending the morning at the Farmer's Market and the afternoon in the kitchen producing a delicious, leisurely meal for friends and family. She liked

gardening, writing and reading poetry, and having long philosophical and theological discussions.

Jeanne is survived by her mother, Ruth Webb Pupke, and her siblings: Eileen Duggan, Donald Pupke, Jr (Nancy), Daniel Pupke, Robert Pupke (Heather), Margaret Digena (Joseph), Christine Edwards (Chris), and very many nephews and nieces. She is also survived by her spouse of 28 years, Regina Largent, and her sisters Michelle (Bill) Barris and Renee Ray. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald V. Pupke.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1000 Blanton Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221. The service can be watched online "[here](#)."

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Rev. Pupke to The Richmond Pledge and First Unitarian Universalist Church at the First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1000 Blanton Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221.

Notes of condolences can be sent to Regina Largent at 7807 Granite Hall Ave, Richmond, VA 23225.

CHARLES ALLAN REINHARDT

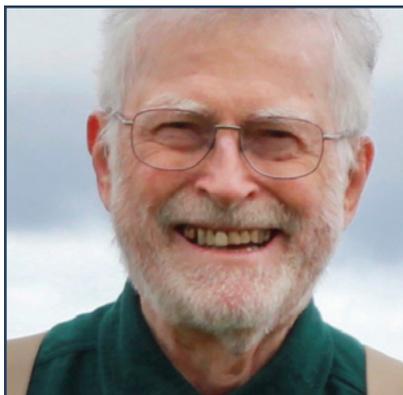
(1927-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Charles “Chuck” A. Reinhardt, who died on August 09, 2021, at the age of 94.

Chuck was born in St. Paul, MN on March 20, 1927, to Herman A. Reinhardt and Helen Lund Reinhardt. He was raised in St. Paul/Minneapolis area and did not leave home until graduating from college.

While in high school he considered becoming an architect and worked as a draftsman in a local firm. Likewise, he maintained his interest in writing and in the arts. When he entered Hamline University, Saint Paul, MN in 1944, he had already decided to prepare for the ministry. He majored in religion and philosophy and was exposed to radical political thought that provided a foundation for his emerging liberal beliefs. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1947. While in college he married his first wife and worked in a variety of social service agencies and had responsibility for a country parish. He graduated with his Bachelor of Divinity in 1952 from Harvard Divinity School, MA taking many secular courses in history, philosophy, and music, in addition to his theological studies.

Rev. Reinhardt was ordained on June 1, 1952, by the First Parish Church (Universalist), Saugus, MA where he carried out his ministry from 1949 to 1952. At First Parish, he set up adult education programs and forums on psychological studies, political and social relations, and the arts and improved teaching methods. He strengthened the congregation by helping to set up a departmentalized Board of Trustees. Following First Parish, Rev. Reinhardt served the Universalist Churches of Redhill and Clinton, NC (1952-1954), and then the Unitarian Church of Staten Island, NY (1955-1962). In 1962, he accepted a call from the Morristown UU Fellowship, NJ and served until 1967. Thereafter, he became minister of the East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue, WA (1967-1975). His ministry at East Shore was lively, stimulating, and productive. He supported the choir and music, there was more active congregational participation in the service, and music rose to a higher level



with his involvement. Rev. Reinhardt was an inspiring leader at East Shore who made the church a true philosophical center. Subsequently, he served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, GA (1975-1976) and the First Parish in Cambridge UU, MA (1978-1979).

From 1979 to 1992, Rev. Reinhardt served the Winchester Unitarian Society, MA. In his thirteen years the congregation grew

steadily. He demonstrated extraordinary political, and served as a pastor, as a preacher, and as a counselor. His interest in music, poetry and drama enlivened the sanctuary on many Sundays. He launched a ministerial intern program at the church, and guided students who in turn increased programming for youth, women in life transitions and men. He preached about the need to promote peace in the world and the UU Peace Network was born. He also worked to establish UU churches in nearby towns. On August 31, 1992, he retired from his active ministry leaving Winchester as a strong institution. Upon retirement, the congregation honored him as their minister emeritus. Later he served as an interim minister at the South Church, Portsmouth, NH (1996-1997).

Rev. Reinhardt was caring and wise in leading a congregation and created an atmosphere of openness to innovation. His sermons revealed his deep conviction in the humanist tradition, his appreciation of beauty in nature and in arts, and his long experience in ministering to people. He had various denominational and community involvements. Within Unitarian Universalism he served as President of the Boston Area Universalist Ministers Association (1951-1952) and as a Dean of the Shelter Neck (North Carolina) Universalist Youth Institutes (1953-1954). He was Regional VP of the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice (1959-1960); Board member of the Mid-Atlantic State Region and Metro N.Y. District of UU Churches (1961-1964); President of the UU Ministers Association of Metropolitan N.Y. (1961-1962); Trustee of the Unitarian Universalist New York Metropolitan District (1962-1964); and Co-founder of the Princeton Group of Unitarian Universalist Ministers

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(1962). Furthermore, he was a member of the UUA Special Committee on By-laws (amendments) (1964); the Continental Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association (1965); and the UUA ad hoc Committee on Congregational Polity (1966). In 1965, he provided his services as a Consultant to the Unitarian Fellowship of Athens, GA for the Mid-South District Project. From 1977 to 1979, he served as an editor of the UUMA newsletter. Moreover, he served on the board of the Starr King School for the Ministry, CA.

In the community, Chuck provided his services as an education program director of Radio Station WRRZ, NC (1953). He served as a board member (1955-1962) and as President of the Staten Island Family Service (1960-1962). He was one of the Board Members of the Morris County Urban League and the Morris County Family Service. He was Co-founder of Staten Island Citizens Planning Committee. Additionally, he served the Morris County Fair Housing Council, NAACP, ACLU, New Jersey Committee for the Right to Red, and Morris Township Juvenile Conference Committee. Furthermore, he was a leader in the efforts to organize all the Massachusetts churches together to provide healthcare to ministers and other employees.

In his spare time, he enjoyed family camping, boating, photography, reading and music. He also loved hiking, paddling, and sailing.

One of the family members shared: "I remember Chuck as a deeply kind and engaging man with a resonant voice, a rich laugh, and a strong, warm presence - and as a really great father."

Chuck is survived by his wife Eunice - with whom he shared the last four wonderful years, his six children, thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Cascade Manor 65 W. 30th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405, with a family burial at the Eugene Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial donations are encouraged to: [Food for Lane County](#), Cascade Manor Foundation 65 West 30th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405 or the [Native American Rights Fund](#).

Notes of condolences can be sent to his daughter: Sigrid Jones, 63 W. 22nd Avenue Eugene, OR 97405.

DALE W. ROBISON

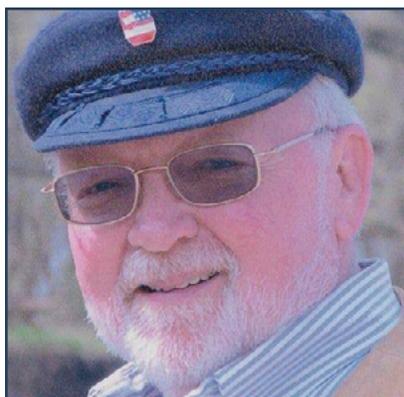
(1933-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Dale W. Robison, who died on October 31, 2021, at the age of 88.

Dale was born on August 20, 1933, in Erie, PA to Marie Anna Van Buren and George W. Robison. He attended his first five years of grammar school in Pennsylvania. During World War II, his family moved to California where he continued his public-school education through one year of college.

In 1951, Dale enlisted in the US Navy and served for four years until 1955. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he entered Wheaton College, IL graduating with his Bachelor of Arts in 1959 (cum laude). Dale then continued his graduate education at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, NY, and received his Master of Divinity degree (1963). He became an ordained minister in the American Baptist Convention and served increasingly more responsible positions between 1961 and 1970. As he was serving as a minister in a suburban church near Milwaukee, he became aware that his views had shifted to a liberal point of view which was inconsistent with the beliefs and practices of his denomination. In August of 1970, he resigned from his ministerial position. At that point he was not yet ready to move into Unitarianism, instead, he accepted a National Defense Education Act Fellowship in history at Marquette University, WI to work on a Ph.D.

Although Dale had been a religious liberal for several years, it was only in the UU pulpit where he found freedom to honestly express his religious faith and doubts. He was captivated by the tradition of UU ministry. He found acceptance, understanding, and critical listening in the UU churches, and felt at home with the UU people. After completing his doctoral work and his dissertation (*Wisconsin and the Mentally Ill: A History of the Wisconsin Plan of State and County Care, 1850-1915*), he ultimately made the decision that he had been postponing, to return to the parish ministry as a Unitarian Universalist.



Rev. Dr. Robison began as a part-time minister at the Mequon Unitarian Church North, WI, and led the church to a full-time ministry. Mequon doubled its membership during his tenure of seven years (1975-1982). Under his guidance and with the support of church leaders, the church launched a publicity program in newspapers and on local radio. From a membership of 75 to 151, Sunday attendance increased, as well as pledging units. Rev. Dr. Robison worked closely

with the religious education committee in curriculum planning, church school staffing, and teacher training. He was also a part of the site selection for a permanent home for the congregation and assisted in a capital fund drive to underwrite the purchase of five acres on North Port Washington Road. In 1982, Rev. Dr. Robison accepted a call from the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, WI, and served until 1985. His achievements at the Milwaukee congregation included the attraction of young couples to the church, the launching of a Restoration Committee to refurbish the building for the 150th anniversary of the congregation, and the one-hundredth of the building.

Subsequently, Rev. Dr. Robison served as an interim minister at the Shawnee Mission UU Church, Lenexa, KS (1985-1987). His advice and recommendations were most helpful to the congregation and his sermons were focused on congregational growth. From 1987 to 1990, he was a settled minister at the UU Church of Muncie, IN, and then an interim minister at the UU Congregation of Greenville, NC (1990-1992). He served the UU Fellowship of Silver City, NM for a year (1999-2000), as their first minister.

In addition to his parish and interim ministries, Rev. Dr. Robison was a member of the UUMA; and a member and president of the Central Midwest District UUMA. He was a board member of the UU Fellowship of Silver City, NM (2000); and served on the board and Nominating Committee for the Central Midwest District UUA. In addition, he helped edit and write the introduction for *God and the Commonplace* by John Cyrus. It was published in January 1986 by Coronet Press, Milwaukee.

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In the community, Dale was a member of the Greater Milwaukee Conference on Religion and Urban Affairs. He was a member and served on board for the Milwaukee Chapter of the Planned Parenthood Association. Furthermore, he served as a member of Milwaukee County Historical Society; as a Board Member of the Healthy Older People Program, Muncie District, IN (1987-1989), and as head of the Ethics Committee, Muncie, IN (1987-1989). He lectured at the Milwaukee campus of the University of Wisconsin on courses such as “American Thought and Culture” “Religion in America, a Contemporary Overview;” and “Introduction to the Helping Professions”.

In his spare time, Dale loved cycling. He had cycled across Wisconsin, Iowa, and a large portion of Michigan with a group of local Unitarians called Unicyclers. He also enjoyed cross-country skiing and frequent walks during cold months. He was a season ticket holder of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater for twenty years.

Dale is survived by his brother Daniel Robison, his sister Marjorie Fiorina, and Beverly Robison, wife of his deceased brother Bill Robison. His brother Harold Robison

predeceased him. He is also survived by his daughters Heather Roon and Laura Ammann. His grandsons, Quenton and Kellen Ammann. He predeceased his three former spouses: Karen Robison, Lynn De Angeles Robison, and Tara Gray. He also leaves his stepdaughter’s family: Angie and Krystof Kurzya and step-granddaughter Vivian Kurzya.

The Memorial Service took place at 2 pm on Sunday, April 3, 2021, at 3011 Buena Vida Cir, Las Cruces, NM 88011. An Honor Guard Ceremony will follow at Veteran’s Memorial Park, 1251 N. Roadrunner, Las Cruces, NM 88011 at 5 pm. RSVP to heatheroon@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Dale’s name may be made to the Roundtable at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Please make checks out to the church and specify Roundtable in the memo line.

Notes of condolences may be written [here](#).

CAROL ROSINE

(1943-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Carol Rosine, who died on August 12, 2021, at the age of 77.

Carol was born on December 14, 1943, in Worthington, MN and raised in a small town in Iowa. Her parents were Elizabeth M. Gethmann and Louis R. Gethmann. As a child, she was committed to the Methodist Church and did not seriously question basic Christian dogma until her late teens. When she and her husband first met, they were both searching for a church. A friend guided them to Arlington Street Church, MA where they were introduced to Unitarian Universalism.

Professionally Carol was a Registered Nurse and held various supervisory and administrative positions since 1964. After several years of moving around the country, in 1974 she and her husband became active members of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Manchester, CT. Carol engaged extensively in lay leadership, guided the Manchester church through a successful building fund drive and construction of its first meetinghouse. She then realized that her life had taken a new direction. In 1979 she quit nursing because she knew she would be happiest if she could translate her volunteer skills into a professional career. Recognizing her own religious authority and power, Carol headed towards the Unitarian Universalist ministry. In 1987, she received her Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School, MA.

Rev. Rosine was ordained to Parish Ministry on May 31, 1987, by the First Unitarian Society of Newton, MA. From 1987 to 2016, she served the First Unitarian Society in Franklin, MA. At the First Unitarian Society, she strived for a balanced programming, thought and spirit filled worship services, and accessibility in the church. She focused on religious growth and pastoral care of all and fostered lay leadership participation. The church had a banner at General Assembly for the first time during her ministry. She also served as a Social Justice Chair from 2003 to 2004. She ministered as a companion and as a leader and retired in 2016. On June 15, 2016, the congregation honored her as their Minister emeritus.



Rev. Rosine was committed to her role as a minister and had a proven sense of denominational responsibility. She was President of Manchester's (CT) Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation Chapter and served on the Board of the UU Urban Ministry and Interfaith Prison/ Restorative Justice Ministry. She served a term on the continental Board of the UU Women's Federation (UUWF) (1983-1985) where she was instrumental in helping long term board members and

newly elected persons find a common ground and prompt sense of unity needed for decision making. In addition, she functioned as a Planner of the UUWF Biennials (1983-1985). In 1984, she served as Co-Dean of the Connecticut Valley District (CVD) Week at Ferry Beach. Rev. Rosine also provided her services as a Workshop leader in CVD, Massachusetts Bay District, and Ferry Beach.

Carol had a deep commitment in UUism, a strong belief in the value of group relationship and an awareness of transforming possibilities of spiritual exploration. She participated in fund raising and marches for peace, hunger and pro-choice. She was active in the Franklin Ecumenical Council, especially as relates to affordable housing. She authored a pamphlet, "An Ecumenical Guide to Churches within the Community for Newcomers."

In her spare time, she enjoyed photography, music, Contra and Square dancing, and camping. She loved attending folk and classical concerts, theatre, and ballets.

Carol is survived by her two children, Kathleen Kassay (David Kassay) of Norfolk, MA; and Rev. Dave Egan (Karina Lund) of Quincy, MA; three granddaughters, Lexi Kassay, Lyla Egan, and Maya Egan; nephew Dwight Kalvig (Sandy Kalvig) of Blackduck MN, and nieces Dawn Kalvig of Winsted, MN and Beth Carol of Virginia, MN.

A Celebration of Life Service took place on Saturday, October 9th at 2:00 pm at the First Universalist Society in Franklin, 262 Chestnut St. Franklin, MA 02038.

CAROL ROSINE

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In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to two beloved organizations close to Rev. Rosine's heart:

- [Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center](#), 5 Morris Ave, Saco, ME 04072
- [First Universalist Society of Franklin](#), 262 Chestnut Street, Franklin, MA 02038.

Notes of condolences can be sent to: Rev. Dave Egan, 119 Beach St. Quincy, MA 02170 and/or Kathleen Kassay, 114 Union St. Norfolk, MA 02056.

FRED A. RUTLEDGE

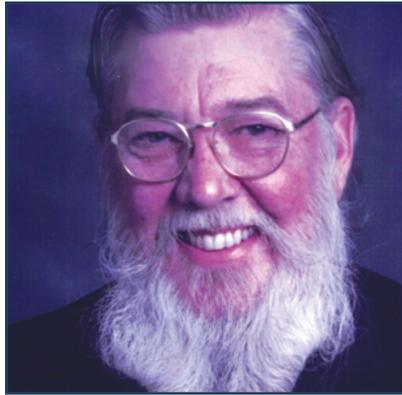
(1931-2019)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Fred A. Rutledge, who died on October 3, 2019, at the age of 88.

Fred was born on August 11, 1931, in San Antonio, TX to Lee Roy Rutledge and Nina Watts Rutledge. He attended Methodist Churches regularly until he left San Antonio to attend the University of Texas at Austin, TX. In 1953, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. In college, Fred became dissatisfied with religion and did not attend church. Through his readings in philosophy, he discovered Unitarianism. He started attending the new fellowship in Austin and was touched by the self-reliance and independence of the Unitarians.

From January 1953 to January 1955, Fred served the U.S. Naval Reserve. While in the Navy he joined the Memphis Unitarian Church, TN. On the base in Corpus Christi, TX, he joined the Unitarian Fellowship; worked with the R.E. committee, finances, program, church school class, adult discussion group and preached on at least two occasions; and his desire to the Unitarian Ministry grew. He wanted to help spread Unitarianism without becoming evangelist and serve humankind in the capacity of a minister. He applied to Starr King School for the Ministry, CA and graduated with his Master of Divinity in 1958.

Rev. Rutledge was ordained on October 1, 1958, by the First Congregational Parish, Unitarian, Petersham, MA where he carried out his first ministry (1958-1962) and strengthened the relationship of the church to the community. He then served the parish in Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, Danvers, MA (1962 -1965) and the Unity Church Unitarian, Saint Paul, MN (1966-1970). Subsequently he was assistant minister at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, MN (1970-1971) and at the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD (1971-1974).



After years of life in the UU ministry, Rev. Rutledge retired on January 1, 1978. Following retirement, he helped his daughter open Rutledge Costume Company which was voted best in Baltimore in 1994. Years later, he served as an interim minister at the Southwest UU Church, North Royalton, OH (1995 to 1996).

Rev. Rutledge provided his services as a fellowship consultant to the Southern

New England Regional Conference (Unitarian) (1961-1962), and as a camp counselor at Ferry Beach, ME (1961-1969). From 1963 to 1964, he served the New England Interdistrict R.E. Committee, Mass. Bay District (as a Representative and Chairman), Jr. High Institute Planning Sub-Committee, and Joseph Priestly District R.E. Committee. He was a Junior High Camp Director for Prairie Star District (1968-1969). In 1971, he facilitated the Joseph Priestly District R.E. Committee Planning R.E. Summer Institute. Furthermore, Rev. Rutledge was President for the Greater Washington Area R.E. Council (1972-1973).

Fred marched with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other ministers in Selma. He went beyond the congregations he served, serving the Petersham Crafts Center, MA as an instructor of pottery (1960-1962) and as a board member (1961). He was Co-Director of Baltimore Learning Center, MD (free school, gr. K through 9), and camp counselor with YMCA Camp for Inner City Youth. He served the Citizens Advisory Committee, Topsfield, MA; was Chairman of the Student Development Committee, City Center for Learning, St. Paul, MN and an assistant chaplain at Delaware State Hospital, DE.

In his spare time, Fred enjoyed sailing, folk music, science fiction, photography, pottery, and cabinet making.

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Fred's daughter Anita recalled: "My dad and mom were both wonderful people and loved the church. They were camp counselors at Ferry Beach Unitarian Camp, Rowe Camp and Camp Weirdbear, in Wisconsin which, of course, was named after him by the children. Books, music and social justice were their loves and causes."

Fred's daughter Nina offered this beautiful remembrance of her father: "We cared for Dad in his last few years, he died at my house. My favorite memory of him was fishing in one of Minnesota's 10,000 Lakes. I was probably seven and he put the worms on the hook for me and I cast over the side of our rowboat and pulled up sunfish after sunfish, which he took off the hook and put in a bucket of water if they were big enough to keep. If they weren't, he let me release them. As the youngest of four kids, it's the only time I remember having an adventure of just the two of us.

I also remember on our many family trips in the car, I'd pretend to be asleep at the end of the day so dad would carry me into the motel, or wherever we were staying. I would hear my brother and sisters complain that I wasn't really asleep, but as the littlest, I felt being carried in was my due, so I faked it anyway. "

Fred is survived by his daughters, Cynthia Lee Rutledge, Anita (Tita) Lynn Rutledge, and Nina Amaya Rutledge. He was predeceased by his wife Ann Rutledge and his son Frederick Alvah Rutledge Jr. (Ric).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's own choosing.

Cards and memories can be sent to Anita (Tita) Lynn Rutledge at 3923 S. Pennsylvania St., Englewood, CO 80113.

JUDITH M. SMITH-VALLEY

(1943-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Judith “Judy” M. Smith-Valley, who died on November 16, 2021, at the age of 78.

Judy was born on January 27, 1943, in Cleveland, OH to Raymond F. and Imogene (Bryan) James. She attended North Royalton High School, OH graduating in 1960. After graduation, Judy worked as a bookkeeper at SOHIO (Standard Oil of Ohio). She married Terry E. Valley in 1963 and settled in Lakewood, OH; they had three children together. Terry introduced her to the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, Rocky River, OH. Judy started working at the West Shore congregation as a young widow and a mother of three after her husband died of a massive heart attack. She worked in the Religious Education (RE) Department and undertook various grief support roles in the community. Her work within the denomination and in the community started expanding.

In 1982, twenty-one years after graduating from high school, Judy received her Bachelor of Arts from Thomas Edison State College, NJ. She then married Paul Smith (1983); this was when the Smith-Valley family was formed. Judy and Paul moved to Melrose, MA. Judy continued her work in various churches while pursuing her Master of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School, graduating in 1988.

Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley was ordained to the Unitarian Universalism ministry on April 9, 1989. From 1988 to 1993, she served as an extension minister at the UU Fellowship of Kanawha Valley, Charleston, WV. Her ministry at the Kanawha Fellowship accomplished a good deal: purchasing property, fulfilling a capital campaign, and considerable growth in the congregation and the RE programs. In 1993, Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley accepted a call from the First Parish UU Church, Kennebunk, ME where she would serve until 2001. At the Kennebunk congregation, a good deal was also achieved: restoration of the building, membership increase, and another capital campaign fulfillment. She took an



activist and leadership role in educating and motivating the congregation about the importance of defeating the anti-gay/lesbian referendum. She also introduced the Maine Speakout Project for Equal Rights (a program that taught people to effectively conduct anti-gay discrimination dialogues and equal rights). In 2001, she earned her Doctor of Ministry from Bangor Theological Seminary, ME.

Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley was a District Executive for the UUA's Northeast District from 2003 to 2006. After that, she continued her ministerial services as an interim minister. She ministered as an interim at the UU Church of Haverhill, MA (2006-2008). She helped the church move ahead after a difficult parting with their previous minister. Engaging her skills, the right relations work advanced, an appreciative inquiry lens was utilized, and the leadership was reformed and energized. At the First Parish Brewster UU, MA (2008-2010), Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley conducted the right relationship work with a large group of lay leaders and created an atmosphere in which change was welcomed. The social justice program during her leadership contributed to ongoing initiatives which included local and international efforts, support for Native Americans, the NAACP, and anti-racism work. Her ministry brought changes positive and good for the collective future.

Subsequently, Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley ministered at the Keene UU Church, NH (2010-2012); and then at the UU Church of Greater Lynn; Swampscott, MA (2012-2013). At the Swampscott congregation, she initiated the groundwork for the Staff and Board covenants of behavior. The congregation made progress on understanding the vision/goals process. At the UU Congregation of South County, Peace Dale, RI (2013-2014), she encouraged the trust of the lay leadership and the clergy at the South County Congregation.

Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley was an interim minister to the Starr King UU Fellowship, Plymouth, NH (2014-2016). There too, she re-energized the fellowship with her leadership. She retired on July 31, 2014.

JUDITH M. SMITH-VALLEY

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Rev. Dr. Smith-Valley brought a wealth of experience to the congregations she served. As an interim minister, she accompanied the congregation during their transitions and helped define who the congregation wanted to be. Her sermons preached the importance of dialogue and speaking from the heart. Her worship services blended the music, words, and space to offer a spiritual flow within a familiar structure. Her ministry emphasized the importance of including children in worship.

In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting, stitching, creating, and meditation. She liked reading and being by the ocean.

Her daughter Sue shared, “Each life is like a quilt rested by a patchwork of memories stitched together by the threads of time and love. My parents were very involved with “25 Beacon St” for many years and had many memories stemming from that, and lifelong friendships as well.”

Judy is survived by her children: son, Glenn Valley and his wife Heidi, of Bahama, NC; daughter, Libby Valley Cirillo and her husband Tony, of North Kingstown, RI; daughter, Susan Woodilla and her husband, Tad of Hermon, ME; son, Richard Smith and his wife, Barbara Dill of Norwood,

NJ; grandchildren – Laura (Jon) Conway, Alison Valley, Amanda, Connor, Matthew, and Trevor Cirillo, Katie and Emily Woodilla, Dillon, Chelsea, and Aiden Smith; and great-granddaughter Jackie; sister, Charlea Coterel of O’Fallon, Missouri; plus many nieces, nephews, friends and family who filled her heart with joy. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husbands, Terry Valley (1978) and Paul Smith-Valley (2017).

A celebration of life took place on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the First Parish UU Church, 114 Main Street, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#), 689 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA 02139 or to [Project Linus](#).

Notes of condolences can be written [here](#). Cards can be sent to all her children in the care of Susan Woodilla, 29 Hermon Heights, Hermon, ME 04401.

DON W. VAUGHN-FOERSTER

(1929-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. Don W. Vaughn-Foerster, who died on June 7, 2021, at the age of 91.

Don was born on October 28, 1929, in Fort Worth, TX to Esta Williams and James A. Vaughn. In 1950, he graduated from McMurry College, Abilene, TX, with his Bachelor of Science majoring in Speech/Communications. In 1953, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps after a three-year enlistment. During the next two years, Don worked as a radio/TV announcer in two West Texas stations and then as a pharmaceutical sales supervisor from 1956 to 1963.

Don had been a member of a Unitarian Church since 1955. Before that, he was a dissatisfied Methodist. In college, he had seriously considered becoming a Methodist minister but came to realize that his views were far too liberal to be expressed from a Methodist pulpit. After becoming a Unitarian, he resumed his church activity with more satisfaction and peace of mind. He contributed to the formation of the Irving Fellowship, TX from the first day of its existence and served in various offices and also as an Adult Program Chairman. He led the Sunday morning service frequently and even gave his sermons on occasion. After becoming intimately acquainted with the Unitarian church as a layman, he wanted to devote more time and attention to this work becoming a minister. In 1966, he received his Master of Divinity from the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX.

Rev. Vaughn-Foerster was ordained on March 20, 1966, by the First Parish Unitarian of Medfield, MA where he carried out his first ministry until 1968. After that, he was a settled minister at the First UU Church of Wichita, KS (1968-1974); the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD (1974-1977); and All Souls UU Church, Kansas City, MO (1977-1984). Following All Souls, he served as an interim at the UU Church of Riverside, CA (1984-1985); and the UU Fellowship of Raleigh, NC (1985-1986). At the Raleigh congregation, he assisted the Board to prioritize needs and constantly reinforced the strength of the congregation.



In 1988, Rev. Vaughn-Foerster accepted a call from the Northwoods UU Church, Spring, TX, and served until 2001. During the 2001 and 2002 church years, he ministered at the UU Fellowship of Vero Beach, FL. He was a tower of strength, kindness, and wisdom for the congregation as everyone struggled with the trauma of the September 11 attack. He made a special effort to establish the congregation's identity and its place in the lives of its members and the community

at large. New leaders were elected, and former leaders moved on to productive new responsibilities. At the Billings UU Fellowship, MT (2002-2004), Rev. Vaughn-Foerster provided a wonderful ministerial presence. He showed the Fellowship the importance of shared ministry, spent a good deal of time on identity and challenges facing the Fellowship, healing internal conflicts and grief work, leadership training and replacement, and maintenance of the congregation's program.

Subsequently, Rev. Vaughn-Foerster provided his services as an interim minister to the following congregations: the UU Congregation of Grand Traverse; Traverse City, MI (2004-2006); the UU Church of Sarasota, FL (2006-2007); Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, Alexandria, VA (2007-2008); the UU Fellowship of the Peninsula, Newport News, VA (2008-2009); the First UU Church of Victoria, BC (2009-2010); Kitsap UU Fellowship; Bremerton, WA; (2010-2012) and Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship; IL (2012-2014). In all these congregations, Rev. Vaughn-Foerster strengthened the sense of community, turned around declining membership, increased the level of financial commitment, and generated a deeper sense of commitment to liberal religion. He strengthened and advanced the Religious Education program for both children and adults and promoted and strengthened denominational ties. He emphasized pastoral concerns as a perennial paramount concern. His sense of humor, wit, and intellect combined with a genuine love of people gave congregations a great boost. He retired on July 1, 2014.

DON W. VAUGHN-FOERSTER

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Rev. Vaughn-Foerster served the denomination as a Charter member and a lay leader of the Irving Unitarian Fellowship, TX (1957-1965). He was a Board member and Director of Community Relations for the Mass Bay UU District (1966-1968). He served as a visiting chaplain for the UUA to Disciplinary Barracks of Fort Leavenworth, KS (1969-1971). He also served on the Board of the Southwest UU District (1971-1972). He was an active member of the Southwest UUMA Chapter, a Good Offices Person for the Prairie Star District, and a workshop and worship leader for the SMUU Summer Institute (1988).

Furthermore, Don was significantly involved in the community. He founded two successful service organizations: the Planned Parenthood of S. Central Kansas, Wichita, KS (1971-1973) and the Northwoods AIDS Coalition of Montgomery County, TX. He served as a member of the Council on Continuing Education, St. Paul's Theological School, Kansas City, MO (1980-1983). In Texas, he served as a board member of the Interfaith of The Woodlands and the Women's Center of Montgomery County.

Don played the trombone for personal pleasure and sang (bass-baritone) in the church. His listening interests were mostly for classical and jazz music. He enjoyed cooking, especially bread-baking and loved camping, motorcycling, jogging, and strength-building exercises. He loved creative writing, especially poetry. He had his Meditations published in the UU meditation manuals, 1971 and 1972, and a hymn in Hymns for Living, The Lindsey Press, London, England, 1985.

Don is survived by his wife Margaret Vaughn-Foerster, and his five children: Stephen, Marghi, David, Nancy, and Neall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of one's own choosing.

Notes of condolences can be sent to Margaret Vaughn-Foerster at 120 Frederick Dr, Sequim, WA 98382.

WILLIAM MORLEY WEIR

(1934-2021)

The Ministries and Faith Development staff offer our condolences to the family and colleagues of the Rev. William “Bill” M. Weir, who died on September 11, 2021, at the age of 87.

Bill was born on March 28, 1934, in Winnipeg, Canada to Morley Ferguson Weir and Evelyn Gertrude (Hollis) Weir. His mother and father always encouraged him to communicate his real thoughts and feelings and showed him how to plant and nurture the seed of communication with other persons. After their death, the First Unitarian Church of Houston, TX promptly became Bill’s main place of important communication. He felt that this church belonged to him and showed him that he can enjoy a never-ending quest for both integrity and lasting love. He saw that the Unitarian Universalist churches helped people become conscious of themselves as participants in the natural world, as members of families and other communities, and as persons. This made him believe that Unitarian Universalism could give him a free pulpit where he could apply his talents to common concerns. He hoped to be a Unitarian Universalist minister to help sustain and strengthen Unitarian Universalism’s rules of order devoted to the search of religious truth and to encourage communication in-depth, both in pastoral calling and pastoral counseling.

In 1957, Bill earned his Bachelor of Arts with a major in Physics from Rice Institute (now Rice University), Houston, TX following which he received his Bachelor of Divinity specializing in American Intellectual Social History jointly from the University of Chicago and Meadville Lombard Theological School (1961).

Rev. Weir was ordained on January 28, 1962, by the First Universalist Church of Rockland, ME where he served in the parish from 1961 to 1965. At the Rockland congregation, he developed adult programming and pastoral and administrative skills. His ministry drew new members to the church. Prior to his ordination, he was an intern minister at the First Unitarian Church of Milwaukee, WI (1959-1960).



From 1965 to 1970, Rev. Weir served the Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, IA, and then the Unity Church-Unitarian, St Paul, MN (1970-1971).

After several years as a Unitarian Universalist minister, Rev. Weir no longer served in churches but continued to be active within Unitarian Universalism. In 1976, he served as guest minister at fellowships in New York and Connecticut.

Rev. Weir’s denominational services included serving as a Washington Social Responsibility Liaison for the Prairie Star District Unitarian Universalist action in a nine-state area. He was a member of the Unity Church-Unitarian, St Paul, MN, and of its Denominational Affairs Committee. He was also a member of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, MN, and on the board of its philanthropic foundation, Unity Settlement Association, and chairman of the Church’s Summer Services Committee. In addition, he headed the Northeast District Unitarian Universalist Board’s publicity and publications program and did an outstanding job of recruiting and developing leaders. Rev. Weir was one of the ministers who followed the call of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr to Selma, Alabama.

In community, Bill served as a chairman of the Mental Health Services Study Commission of the Johnson County Council for Social Planning (1968) that led to the establishment of a community mental health center in Iowa (1969). He was a co-organizer of a nine-county chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and an organizer of the Iowa Conference on Housing for Low-income People (1967) leading to the establishment of an Iowa City Leased Housing Program in 1969. Bill was committed to improving the nation’s health system, especially mental health care, so he earned a master’s degree in Hospital Administration from the University of MN (1975). His biggest contribution was the booklet “Psychiatric Facilities and the Right of Patients” which continues to be offered by the American Psychiatric Association on its website over forty years after he wrote it.

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Furthermore, Bill served as a co-organizer (with Planned Parenthood State Director) of Iowans for Humane Abortion Law and Iowa Clergy Consultation Service on Problem-Pregnancy, Adoption, and Abortion. In addition, he was an organizer of the Cedar Rapids area meetings on action toward better broadcasting. Likewise, he worked as a Senior Research Analyst at the Minnesota Department of Health for many years. He served on the Minnesota Board of Compassion and Choices, regarding terminal illness and the right to die.

Bill's daughter Joanna shared, "Dad was not only a great role model as a parent but as a person, he was compassionate, wise, he had unending faith in humanity, and we are so grateful to have had his positive influence in our lives for as long as we did."

Bill is survived by his sweetheart of the past 16 years Pattie Dorf; his co-parent, Judith Hayes Weir; his four children: Trintsha Weir, Oliver Weir, Melina Weir (Charlie Henrikson), and Joanna Coyle Wentz (Jon Wentz); and his five grandchildren: Elizabeth, Taj, and Noah Weir, and Justus and Kaden Coyle. He also leaves behind his sisterly cousin Kathleen "Kay" Shewfelt Boyd.

A Celebration of Life Service took place on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, 900 Mt Curve Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial contributions to the [First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis](#), 900 Mt Curve Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55403, or to the [DFL Party](#).

Notes of condolences can be sent to the Weir's, c/o Melina Weir, 4143 39th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406.