



Rev. Roger L. Heimer

October 20, 1934 - March 4, 2019

Rev. Roger L. Heimer, 84, of Bloomington Indiana, died in his home at Meadowood Community on March 4, 2019 surrounded by his loving family.

Roger was born on October 20, 1934 in Hebron, Nebraska to the late Roy and Grace (Knappe) Heimer. He graduated from Hebron High School in 1951 and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a B.A. in 1955. He completed his Masters in Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary in 1959. Roger served churches in the United States and abroad including five years with the United Reformed Church in London. He also served interim ministries with the United Church of Christ and Disciples of Christ, with one year at First Christian Church in Bloomington where he remained as a member after retirement.

Roger's call to ministry included a commitment to building community with dignity and equal opportunity for all. He worked both within and beyond the walls of the church in the interests of nonviolent economic and racial justice, serving on ecumenical boards, interfaith projects, and social outreach work including being a board member with Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence since its founding. He believed in the grassroots community, too, 'moonlighting' as a cab driver even while doing ministry by day.

Throughout his life he marched, demonstrated, boycotted and wrote letters to the editor, speaking up for the people and causes he believed in. Before they were public trends, he believed in environmentalism, pacifism and restorative justice advocating for research-based work in these areas.

He lived a life of both serious inquiry and whimsical play, enjoying all of the arts as well as book clubs. He visited factories and festivals, roadside attractions and historic houses while travelling, finding all of the best deals along the way. With a passion for learning throughout his life, he took college courses and referenced articles and encyclopedia entries in friendly conversation. Yet, he also convened croquet or board games with his children and grandchildren, revealing his commitment to and love of family.

After meeting at seminary, Roger and Nancy Townley-Tilson married on June 15, 1957 in

Winchester, Massachusetts. They spent 61 years together and had three children. Roger is survived by wife, Nancy; children, Julia Heimer Dadds (Mark Beebe) Halifax, NS, Andrew K. Heimer (Mary Stonebraker) Carmel, IN, Lucinda Heimer (Chris Sherrill) Madison, WI, and; grandchildren, Keenan, Noah, Corey Dadds, and Leah (Beebe) Young; Alexander (Terrin Cripe), Emily, Abigail, Austin Heimer, Grace and Amalia Sherrill; great-granddaughters, Alana Heimer and Rosalyn Browning; sister, Arlene Heimer (Lincoln, NE), many nieces, nephews, and friends. Roger is preceded in death by his parents; sister, Margretha Butterbaugh; brothers, Harvey, Haldor and Alden Heimer.

Roger's love, kindness and boundless inquiry into what comprises a good life touched the lives of everyone he knew. He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Hoosier Hills Food Bank <https://www.hhfoodbank.org/> or The Cancer Research Institute <https://www.cancerresearch.org/>

A celebration of life will be held on March 24, 2019 at 3 pm at First Christian Church, 205 E Kirkwood, Bloomington, IN 47408. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Roger's family at www.allencares.com.

Comments



“ Roger meant the world to both my mother and father... I am deeply saddened, and hope he is not in pain anymore. My father attended the same Seminary and they were very close. They believed in the same things and fought for the same causes. They both ministered at United Church of Christ. Different cities of course. He was so wonderful and made life thee very best for his family and friends. RIP Roger.

melissa tasaki (adams) - March 30, 2019 at 05:23 PM



“ Craig Stonebraker purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Rev. Roger L. Heimer.



Craig Stonebraker - March 23, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Rev. Roger L. Heimer.



March 23, 2019 at 12:55 PM



“ I will always remember Roger for delivering the opening and closing prayers for the memorial service for my late wife, Gayle, at the First Christian Church in May of 2015. Roger's prayers were short, simple, heartfelt, and to the point, and most importantly to me, allowed me the time and space to deliver my own witnessed testimony of what it was like to be married to Gayle for the fifteen years of blessing that we had together.

Kenneth Shafer - March 13, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ He really wanted his services to fit the people and to offer some grace. So glad this one was what you needed. A blessing to hear it. J.

Julia Heimer Dadds - March 30, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ Roger Heimer was a very supportive member and a great contributor to the life of First Christian Church. I always admired his sense of humor and his spark for life. My sympathy to the whole family as they go through this transition in their lives. Gerry Miller

Gerry Miller - March 10, 2019 at 04:46 PM



“ Roger will be missed by many. So glad we had a chance to get acquainted with Roger and Nancy thru First Christian Church.
Diane and Bob Thrasher

Diane Thrasher - March 09, 2019 at 12:11 AM