



Rev. Dr. Donald F. McMahan

January 17, 1918 - March 4, 2015

The Rev. Dr. Donald F. McMahan

He was born during a major winter snowstorm on January 17th, 1918, on his family's White River farmstead just south of Bedford, Indiana.. He died during a major snow storm on March 4th, 2015 at the age of 97 in Bloomington, Indiana. Both times he was home and comfortably in bed and surrounded by family.

In 1937 he was graduated from the Mitchell, Indiana, High School. While a student at Indiana University he married Violet Ruth Smith, who was also from Mitchell. After graduating from the university, where he studied psychology, he attended the Garrett Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. Through the years he has served Methodist congregations in Indiana towns: Arlington, Green County Chapel, Mineral, Crawfordsville, and Plainfield.. He also served in an administrative ministry as the District Superintendent of The Greencastle, Lebanon, and South Bend, Indiana districts of the United Methodist Church. Other distinctions included being a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church and then a delegate to the Annual World Methodist

Conference in Oslo, Norway. The Rev. McMahan's ministry was multifaceted and included serving as a Trustee of the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, DePauw University in Greencastle, and the University of Evansville in Evansville. He was also an adjunct faculty member of the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. Instrumental in the founding and administration of Wesley Manor, a Methodist Church retirement facility near Lafayette, he also served as the administrator of two other Methodist Retirement Homes: Haven Hubbard near South Bend, and Asbury Towers in Greencastle.

Through the years he enjoyed golfing and swimming and was a member of three Country Clubs. He relished quiet time fishing and gardening. And, he was an avid follower of Indiana University basketball and football. His wife and he traveled not only in Europe, but in the Caribbean Sea and Panama Canal; Canada and Alaska and Hawaii, and Australia and New Zealand and Fiji.

He is predeceased by his wife of 73 years; his parents, Daniel and Goldia McMahan, a brother, Doctor V. C. McMahan, and a sister, Irene Pless, and their spouses. Surviving family members include his son, Larry McMahan, daughter Susan Stein and granddaughter, Jessica Stein, his sister, Ruth Eveleyn Padgett, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at the First United Methodist Church from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Saturday March 7, 2015 with the Funeral Service to follow at 11:00am. Burial will be at the Cresthaven Cemetery in Bedford, IN.

The church is located at the corner of Washington and 4th Street in downtown Bloomington.

Memorial donations may be made to the Indiana University Health Hospice of Bloomington or the First United Methodist Church.

Allen Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Friends can send their condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I extend my deepest sympathy to you all. My family were members of First Methodist Church in Remington, Indiana, when I was born in 1943, and when my brother John was born in 1948. Rev. McMahan baptized my brother; I remember when the water from the baptismal font was put on his head; and I believe he baptized me as well. My family always thought very highly of him. I am happy to read that he enjoyed a long life and was surrounded by his loved ones when he passed.

Sincerely
Jim (James) Nelson
Chesterton, Indiana

James Nelson - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

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“ Father Larry - the St Augustine's Episcopal Church sends their condolences on the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please convey my condolences to your sister. She would recognize my maiden name - Cheryl Hadley from the Plainfield class of 1968.

Love and Prayers
Cheryl Moles

Cheryl Moles - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

KK

“ Susan. What a great man you had for a father!! Our family enjoyed him so much during his time @ PUMC. He gave us our Confirmation. May you have Peace and your family will be in my prayers. God Bless Kathy

Kathy Totter Kline - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JA

“ *Sorry to hear of Don's passing. I took care of Don and Violet for a couple of years. Wonderful couple. God Bless!* ”

jackie adams - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM