



Kurt Van der Dussen

November 30, 1949 - June 9, 2009

-- Kurt H. Van der Dussen, 59, of Bloomington, went home to our Lord Jesus Christ on June 9 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis, following a one-and-a-half-year battle against cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Rhonda (Perry) Van der Dussen; parents Herman and Barbara Van der Dussen of Bloomington; two sisters, Janet Van der Dussen, of Freetown, Indiana, and Susan Wenrich and her husband Doug, of Seymour, Tennessee; one sister-in-law Pamela Tipmore of Greenville, South Carolina and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kurt attended Indiana University, where he received a B.A. in Political Science and a Master's degree in Journalism. Kurt was employed by The Herald-Times for 32 years, where he worked for numerous years as a reporter covering state and county government and recent years as desk editor. Kurt was actively involved in the Bloomington and Monroe County political scenes and served as volunteer lay preacher at Golden Living Center nursing home for the past 20-plus years. Kurt volunteered for many years in the prison ministry within the Indiana and federal prison systems.

Kurt and wife Rhonda have attended Bloomington Free Methodist Church for a number of years, where he served Jesus Christ in a variety of ways. Kurt was a man who truly lived his faith.

Friends may call at Allen Funeral Home on Thursday from 7-9 p.m., and Friday, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m., at Bloomington's Free Methodist Church, 1121 S. Lincoln Street, with Pastor Mel Nead leading the celebration service. Burial will be at Clear Creek Cemetery.

The family asks that contributions be made to Backstreet Missions in Bloomington, The Hannah House, or the Monroe County Humane Association.