



Robert Charles Boyer

September 19, 1919 - November 4, 2010

Robert Charles Boyer, age 91, passed away on Thursday, November 4th, 2010. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 19th, 1919 to Charles and Pearl Boyer. He and his family lived in State College, Penn., from 1960 to 1985, and in Bloomington, Ind. from 1985 to the present.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cynthia Cole Boyer, his parents, and his sister Penny Gallagher of Illinois. He will be tremendously missed by his loving family: Kim Boyer; Becky and David Underwood and their children, Michael and CeCe Underwood; and David Boyer and his children Noah and Maerose Boyer.

Robert received his Masters Degree in Sociology from the University of Chicago and a degree in Divinity from Rochester Divinity School, with further studies at Harvard Divinity School.

Robert touched countless lives through his work as a campus minister and counselor at Penn State University (1960-1985) and Indiana University (1985-2009), and was a Residence Halls Fellow at I.U. for many years.

Robert and Cynthia were active in the civil rights and anti-war movements, as well as numerous peace and poverty aid organizations.

Memorial Services will be held at the University Baptist Church at 3740 East Third Street in Bloomington at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday November 9. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Habitat for Humanity, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or other organizations working for peace and against poverty, would honor Robert's life-long dedication to those causes.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ My late husband Ramadass was in the Penn State campus hospital around 1962. He listed his religion as Atheist. He was immediately visited by Rev. Boyer. We became good friends. He taught me how to be a Conscientious Objector Counselor even though I wasn't personally a CO. He also counseled us on marriage problems and seemed to know just what to say. After Cynthia died, he showed us the benefits of getting rid of possessions. I'm glad he was part of our lives

lisa ramadass - December 19, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MD

“ Robert Boyer was one of my Greatest Meditation Mentors. I attended his Free University Course in the 1970's at Penn State. I attended them regularly at the Wesley Foundation (?) on College Ave. He was always very kind to me. I experienced some of the most powerful transcendental experiences in his presence at these meditation sessions. Bless You, Bob Boyer!

Michael Dennis - October 03, 2021 at 07:02 PM

DA

“ Kim,Becky,and David:
I have so many memories - not as many as you and saddened that Bob could not correspond much the last few years and I was not able to drop in at Bloomingto like I use to. I am so glad you all were able to support him. Like countless others I enjoyed his friendship, guidance, and perspects for most of my adult life and felt as family so many years ago in State College. I am sorry I was not aware of his passing sooner and now understand his lack of correspondance. May you and your familes always remember and may you have the pease he sought for all of us all of his life.

Dan Rode - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

KA

“ My maiden name was Kathe Gallagher, and Robert was my wonderful Uncle Bob. I have so many fond memories of him and Aunt Cynthia - and of course our wonderful grandparents, Charlie and Pearl Boyer. I've thought so many times about Uncle Bob and my consigns, trying to locate them via Google. But I never had any luck. I would LOVE to hear from Kim, Becky and David. Please get in touch.

Robert and Cynthia did wonderful things in the world, and I like to think that I have been able to continue the tradition in some small way. And here's what I know for sure: God is good, all the time.

Kaylie Dugan - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

RH

“ My very belated condolences to all the Boyer clan. Over the years, I would make an annual call to Robert around the time of his birthday in September to discuss Penn State football in particular and life in general. He was a wonderful influence - caring, supportive and stridently independent in his thinking. He will be missed.

Rhodes Cook - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

GA

“ I remember going to Bob and Cynthia's home at 712 McKee Street in State College, PA. There was always room for one more at the table and the table always had the best food. Bob was a true mentor in those years of the Vietnam War and when I was trying to figure out what I should do with my life. I am still learning because that was something Bob taught all his life: never stop learning; never stop asking questions; never believe there was only one way to explore life's most challenging issues... Peace to Kim and Becky and David and all your families. Gary McCaslin

Gary McCaslin - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

GA

“*Kim, Becky, and David, When Robert didn't answer his phone for too many weeks, I googled him and discovered that he had passed away a month ago. If you remember me, you know that he was a huge influence on my life. He and Cynthia made me the adult I am, probably more than my parents did. I hope his passing was peaceful. The world has lost a wonderful person of integrity, love, strength, and hope. In the spring, I will add another "for-Cynthia,"(as my daughter called it when I first planted it), to my yard. Every spring, we pronounce it "glorious." I loved both of your parents enormously and my heart goes out to you in your loss. Gail Driscoll Fiorini--who used to live in your house in State College.*

Gail Fiorini - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

DO

“*Dear Friends,*

On behalf of the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky, I want to send our deep condolences and assurance of our thoughts and prayer for your family in the wake of Bob's passing.

Bob will be remembered in our Region for his deep commitment to students and to their spiritual nourishment. He made a significant contribution to the lives of many and his ministry will be remembered and cherished by those whom he touched.

Yours in Christ,

*Dr. Donald M. Scott
Associate Executive Minister*

Don Scott - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

JE

“ David, I just wanted to express my sympathy in the loss of your father. He was such a kind man whom always took the time to say hello. I will miss him. Please send my regards to other members of your family. Jeff

Jeff Ames - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

MI

“ Dear Boyer family -- condolences on your loss -- Robert was a marvelous friend, teacher and in general a fabulous example to us all.

I will always cherish the time that I shared with Robert and Cynthia.

Michael Szuberla - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

PP

“ Dear Boyer Family, we are so sorry to hear of Robert's death. We participated in a Bible Study group with Robert and Cynthia for many years and always enjoyed our interactions. Our prayers are with all of you at this sad time.

Phyllis & Bill Perkins - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

BD

“ David, It is with sadness that we write to express our condolences to you and your family on the passing of your Dad. He touched so many lives that he will live on in all of our hearts and minds.
Bruce and Diana

Bruce and Diana Jacobs - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM

JA

“ *Dear Boyer family,*

We enjoyed knowing Robert as a neighbor for several years. He was a very kind and caring person. We enjoyed our many backyard conversations talking over the fence. Our prayers are with you.

The Burnham family

John and Amanda Burnham - October 26, 2015 at 04:29 PM