



## Robert Lee Epps

March 23, 1932 - September 28, 2018

Reverend Robert Lee Epps, age 86, born on March 23, 1932, passed away September 28, 2018.

Preceded in death by his parents Joshua and Gurley Lee (Milliken) Epps. Survived by wife of 63 years Richie (Lane) Epps, son Thomas and his husband Rich Dodenhoff, daughter Elise Allen and her husband Bruce Frankenfield, granddaughter Cori (Frankenfield) Jansing and her husband Josh and son Wyatt, grandson Joseph Frankenfield and his wife Meghan, sister-in-law Sharon (Lane) Kirksey and her husband Cecil.

Bob was born in Fort Worth Texas, graduated from Pampa High School in Pampa, Texas, was granted a B.A. from McMurray College in Abilene, Texas and a M.Div. from Yale University.

Bob served in a ministerial capacity in many locations from Kansas City, MO, St Louis, MO, and United Methodist Campus Pastor at the Center for University Ministries in Bloomington, IN. He also served at St Luke's UMC Indianapolis and Pittsboro UMC, Pittsboro, IN before retiring to Bloomington. In retirement he served Ellettsville UMC, Ellettsville, IN, First UMC, Bloomington, IN and as support counselor for the Radiation and Oncology Center in Bloomington. He also served as a board member and Chair of the Area 10 Center on Aging.

He was editor of “Day Care of Psychiatric Patients”, author of the book “A Community Concern: Management of Major Mental Illness in the Metropolis”, and of the article “Why Does the Church Go to the Campus”, which has been used in numerous publications.

A memorial service will be held at St Mark’s UMC (100 N State Road 46, Bloomington, IN 47408) on Saturday October 27th with family visitation at 1:00 pm and service at 2:00. Internment at First UMC Bloomington on Sunday October 28th at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the United Methodist Student Loan Fund (<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships/how-give>) or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society ([www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org)).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St Marks United Methodist Church  
100 State Rd 46  
Bloomington, IN 47408

## Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *The news of Bob's death is a time for tears of sadness for we had been friends since our first days at Yale Divinity School and first acquainted with Richie when I worked in the mailroom at YDS where Bob awaited letters from Richie. After YDS, colleagues in campus ministry throughout our ministries. Always in touch, a very special friend. But the tears of sadness become tears of joy and celebration of a life that enriched the lives of so many over the years, including my own. Now I am comforted knowing every ending has a new beginning. I will set aside the time of his Memorial Service as a way of being present in reflection and gratitude. My condolences to Richie and the family.*

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**Verlyn Barker** - October 24, 2018 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Richie and family,  
Thank you for contacting me. My deepest condolences to all of you at this time. I feel like I've known Bob all my life since he was my mother's cousin. Richie, I know that you and Bob have touched the lives of countless people which is a mighty testament to the wonder of God's miracles.*

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**Keith Hunter** - October 17, 2018 at 01:44 AM

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“ *It is with sadness that I read about Bob’s passing but am comforted by the knowledge that he is with his Lord and the comfort he gave to so many people while alive. I first got to know Bob (and Richie) when I worked at Planned Parenthood in the 70’s and then served on the University Ministry Board.*

*We had stressful times and some really good times and I have many good memories of his counsel and work.*

*With sympathy to you, Richie and the family.....Jan Harnett Mordarski*

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**jan harnett mordarski** - October 07, 2018 at 04:23 PM