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Bill Weber passed away from complications from Covid on Friday, July 30, 2021. He had been fully vaccinated and took precautions, but it was not enough.

Bill was born in Salem Ohio. He earned his Bachelor's degree at University of the Ozarks, Masters of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctoral of Pastoral Counseling from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Bill served as a Presbyterian minister for many years, including Churches in Kennett Square, PA, Ardmore, PA, Des Moines, IA, and Indianapolis, IN. After earning his doctorate, he worked for Koala Centers, directing one of their centers in Tennessee and consulting nationwide, and for St. Vincent Stress Center in Indianapolis, developing models of care and doing education and outreach across the state. He also entered private counseling practice and consulted with churches and businesses on building healthy organizations.

Bill was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Evan Bayh for his

work consulting with the State of Indiana on the state's mental health system.

As one friend recently said, "Bill enjoyed bringing people together." And that is what he did. From leading youth groups and topical theological studies to building relationships with counselors and ministers around the country as part of his counseling work, many of the people Bill brought together would become lifelong friends.

Bill enjoyed getting people to challenge their assumptions. He did not believe in telling people what to think, but rather teaching them how to think - to figure out for themselves what they believe and why. Bill was a lifelong learner, taking up artisan bread baking in his 80s, mastering on-line shopping during the early days of the shut down and continuing to write sermons he shared with family and friends long after retirement.

While Bill avoided telling others what to think, he never wavered in his own opinions and ideas. The first time Bill met Vera, he went back to his room and told a friend "I met the woman I am going to marry." Within a year, they were married. The next 67 years were full of adventure and challenge as they raised their family.

His kids recall many stories from the yellow plaid sports jackets that he loved to his insistence on cooking hobo packs on the engine during long road trips, grandkids and outlaws will always remember fishing with Bill and Vera (who it pained him to admit could always outfish him!) on Lamb Lake or the waters of Canada.

In his later life, nothing gave Bill greater enjoyment than his family. He loved family dinners and celebrations, baking, cooking with Vera and the family. He was an avid hobbyist, sewing with Vera, embroidering personal items for everyone, making pajama pants, bags and and making quilts for so many of

us.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Andrew Weber, and Iva Mae Weber (nee Faulk). He is survived by his wife of 67 years Vera Jarrell Weber; children Karen Elizabeth Leinart (Steve), Amy Lynn Hoover (Brent), and William John Weber (Cathleen); Grandchildren Sara, Lily, Tom, Annie, Katie, Matthew, and Zachary; Great-grandchildren Brie, Blake and Clare.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's family requests donations in his honor be made to University of the Ozarks, Clarksville Arkansas. (<https://ozarks.edu/support/ways-to-support/give/>)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill Weber was a very special person. His effervescent smile and personality were contagious upon one's arrival. I will always treasure the opportunity to visit him and his family. His love radiated to all that were in close proximity! There were usually some belly laughs that would surface. I've heard that he was quite the fisherman, too! What a life well lived, Bill! You were an absolute gem! Much love to all of the Weber family! Hugs to each of you.*

Susan Graves

Susan Graves - August 06, 2021 at 12:09 PM

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Is he mr Bill? My boss in anaconda balad camp Iraq from 2007 to 2010? He was power gen super intendent

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“ *Bill will be forever missed by the YMCA Healthy Hearts & Active Lives staff and participants. Such a positive ray of sunshine to those around him.*

Well done Bill, well done!

Thank you Vera and Bill's family and friends for sharing his 90th Birthday surprise.

Always in our hearts and minds the memories of Bill being everyone's biggest fan.

May peace and comfort be found in all the wonderful memories.

Blessings,

Margie Kobow

Margie Kobow - August 04, 2021 at 05:41 PM

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“ I have so many good memories made with the Weber family! Will start with saying I love them so very much! They have made me feel so much a part of the family! I have spent so many Christmas days with them, plus other holidays as well. They wanted to make sure I wasn't alone on a holiday. For Christmas the last 2 years my gift from Bill and Vera was to take me to Joann's to buy me yarn! Bill would always say, get more, that isn't enough! I will be thinking of him now every time I use one of those skeins of yarn! When I was living alone Bill and Vera used to bring me meals all the time, as many as 4 or 5 at a time! I would freeze them and always knew I had a meal to eat, just had to get it out of the freezer! What lovely people they are! I love Amy so much and am so happy she has included me in her family and they have made me so much a part of their family! I will miss you Bill!!! Vera, hang in there, I love you too!!!

Martha Hoover

Martha Hoover - August 03, 2021 at 10:51 PM

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“ Always enjoyed Bill coming to the dealership and setting with me. Always had a story to tell about his travels and family. I will miss his company. Dave Dove(Royal Toyota)



Dave Dove - August 03, 2021 at 09:28 AM