

A Celebration of the Life of
Rev. George Edward Alley
November 19, 1934 – June 10, 2020

PRELUDE *Bridge Over Troubled Water* P. Simon

WORDS OF COMFORT

GREETING

SOLO *Here I Am, Lord* Mark Gilgallon, Steven Potts

OPENING PRAYER

**Eternal God, we bless you for the great company
of all those who have kept the faith,
finished their race,
and now rest from their labor.
We praise you for those dear to us
whom we name in our hearts before you.
Especially we thank you for Ed,
whom you have now received into your presence.
Help us to believe where we have not seen,
trusting you to lead us through our years.
Bring us at last with all your saints
into the joy of your home,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 40:28-31

SOLO *Hymn of Promise* David Wolfe, trumpet

TESTIMONIES

Nancy Heller, sister
Cari Kluger, Jay Alley and Steve Alley, children
Alexandra Kluger, granddaughter

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:4-9, 12-13

SERMON

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Air (Orchestral Suite No. 3)* J.S. Bach

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Darren Cushman Wood, Senior Pastor
Mark Gilgallon, Director of Music
Heather Hinton, Organist
Steven Potts, Pianist
David Wolfe, Trumpet
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Donations may be sent to:

North United Methodist Church
3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

The Student Scholarship in the name of G. Edward Alley & Susan Whitney Alley
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201

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It is with great sadness that the family of Ed Alley announces his passing as a result of complications from the coronavirus on June 10, 2020.

Rev. George Edward Alley was born November 19, 1934 to parents Floyd Rufus and Olive (Beck) Alley, who both predeceased him. Ed has been referred to as a pioneer in the Pastoral Counseling Field in Indianapolis. He received his B.S., from Ball State University, his D.Min, from Garrett Theological Seminary, and his M.Min, from Christian Theological Seminary.

He was a Clinical Member in The American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy. He was a Diplomate in The American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

He held State Licensures for Marriage & Family Therapy and from the Academy of Certified Social Workers. He served as the first President of the Indiana Association for Marriage & Family Therapy.

Rev. Alley also served in parish ministry for more than 15 years in the Northern and Southern Districts of The United Methodist Church, with his last Appointment being an Associate Minister at North United Methodist Church, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ed was a Clinician, Training Director, and finally Executive Director of the Raines Pastoral Counseling Center. He concluded his career working for many years in private practice in Marriage & Family Therapy & Pastoral Counseling at Kairos Center for the Family, which he co-founded and operated along with his wife of nearly 33 years, Susan Whitney Alley.

Ed was involved in the Mankind Project and had served as the National Mankind Project Chair and Indiana Elder Chair. He was Past President of the Central Indiana Bicycling Association, played euphonium in the Greenwood Community Band, the Indianapolis Symphonic Band, and North's Winds of North United Methodist Church. He also sang in The Shepherd's Center Choir at North United Methodist Church.

Ed also enjoyed acting, having acted in several plays at the Christian Theological Seminary Repertory Theatre. In his later years, he loved traveling, and ventured throughout the United States (including Alaska) and into the Caribbean, Mexico, Canada, Europe and Australia.

Ed loved music, basketball, bicycling, camping and outdoor activities. He became a published poet late in life with his 2019 book "The Big Listener."

Perhaps most importantly, he loved being around his family.

Ed was married to Susan Whitney Alley for close to 33 years, having been married July 4, 1987. He was married to Reene Shue Alley (deceased), for 29 years. He had four sisters, Janine Alley (deceased), Wanda Alley Kreutzfeldt, Mary Alley Boughton (deceased) (Jack) and Nancy Alley Heller (Tom); he had four children: Jay William Alley, Carol Lynne Alley (deceased), Carijane Alley Kluger (Richard) and Steven Edward Alley; two stepdaughters, Kathryn Kreider (Sean Jackson) and Dr. Kristen Kreider (James O'Leary); seven grandchildren, Maxwell, Jennifer (Nick), Eric, Patrick, Brittni, Kalea and Alexandra; and three great-grandchildren, Ryleigh, Lexi and Jack.

Ed had been a strong advocate of civil and human rights to the end of his life; this commitment is encapsulated in a story. Ed had a stroke 25 years ago, which affected his vision for a while. In recovery, he told a friend, "I can't see to the right." to which the friend responded, with a smile, "Ed, you've never been able to see to the Right."

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Saturday, August 22, 2020

1:00 p.m.