



David Lee Fleming

JULY 11, 1940 – APRIL 2, 2022

FLEMING, David Lee of Beavercreek, Ohio, husband, father, brother, and friend to many, entered into eternal life with his loving God on Saturday, April 2nd. He is survived by his wife, Cecelia, children, Deborah (Brad) Sundheimer, Denise Mattingly, Matthew (Kate) Fleming, and his seven grandchildren.

David was born in New Castle, Indiana, on July 11, 1940. He spent his life in the service of God, country, and community. A graduate of Butler University, McCormick Theological Seminary, and The Ohio State University.

He served The Presbytery of the Miami Valley as Associate Executive from 1988-2001. Previously he served as Pastor to First Presbyterian Rushville, Indiana, First Presbyterian Urbana, Ohio, Calvary Presbyterian Logansport, Indiana, Executive Director Kirkmont Center, Adjunct Faculty at United Theological Seminary and Fortis College, as well as Interim Pastor at many Presbyterian Churches in the Dayton, Ohio area. He retired with the rank of Colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve as a Chaplain after 22 years of service, having been active duty during Operation Desert Storm at USA Meddacc, Ft. Campbell, KY. David was involved in many volunteer efforts during his life.

These are times of mourning for all those who have been part of the Miami Valley Presbytery for a number of years because of our loss of friend and colleague, pastor/educator, and presbytery associate executive, Rev. David Fleming. Early on, David served the presbytery as pastor of the Urbana church; and then moved to the position of program staff to the presbytery, working as guide and friend to committees of several program areas. In later years, he served as interim leader of Kirkmont Center when that became necessary. He was, over the years of his service, appreciated by all as pastor and interpreter of policy-- and, because of his extensive sense of humor, he was enjoyed for his abilities for entertainment and fun. He was highly skilled in providing support through well-developed abilities in greeting, organizing, and resolving issues using his ability to encourage understanding in times of disagreement. His understanding of the work of staff as "colleagues" contributed to the enjoyment of the relationships he brought to the many variations of relationships among presbytery clientele. We will always remember him as a "natural" in friendship and service to all those he was called to join as partner in our common work. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His service to the witness of the resurrection was held April 30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 North Wilkinson Street, Dayton OH.