



Rev. Theodore Paul Kalkwarf

August 9, 1940 - May 19, 2020

Theodore Paul Kalkwarf was born August 9, 1940 in Bloomington, Illinois to Alfred E Kalkwarf and Josephine K (Hummel) Kalkwarf. He was the first of three children. His two sisters survive him - Kay E Kalkwarf and Joan K Kalkwarf.

After high school, Ted attended Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. After college graduation, he attended Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. (Ted liked to say that he qualified as a "double burger" after attending both Wartburg College and Wartburg Seminary!) While serving a congregation in Burnsville, MN, he earned a second Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from the University of St Thomas in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ted served for 48 years as an ELCA pastor in churches in the mid-west. He also helped establish the Lake Luther Bible Camp in Angola, Indiana and served as camp director of the Red Willow Bible Camp in Binford, North Dakota.

During the last five years of his ministry, Ted served as an interim pastor, a hospital chaplain, and a lecturer at a chemical treatment center.

Ted was committed to introducing the youth in the churches he served to the joy of service by accompanying them on servant trips to Appalachia and to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

Ted loved to read, to teach, to travel, and to both participate in and to follow a variety of sporting events. (He always remained fiercely loyal to "his" Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears!) His curiosity and his interest in confronting new challenges remained throughout his life. Ted was happiest when spending time with his family and socializing with his friends.

Ted died on May 19, 2020. He is survived by Alice, his wife of 55 years. Left to carry on his legacy are three sons: Nathan (Carol), Troy (Laura), and Brandon (Tammy) Kalkwarf,

and one daughter, Erin (Ken) Williams. His 10 grandchildren have all had their lives shaped by their beloved "Grandpa".

A celebration of the Resurrection for the Reverend Theodore P Kalkwarf will be held at a later date when it is safe for us to travel and to gather.

Memorials will be given to Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton, Minnesota and to Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Comments



“ Dear Alice and Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Ted's passing. I got to know him well at Prince of Peace, because we were on an adult ed board together. I remember his kindness, counseling skills and tender heart. My deepest condolences at this time of great loss. I didn't realize you were back living in the Twin Cities area. I still had you living in southern Wisconsin. May you be comforted in knowing that God has you surrounded in his love. I know you have so many wonderful memories that will sustain you. I remember when Ted was so excited to take a sabbatical and go on an archaeological dig. Six years ago I was in Israel and I thought about him digging in that hot sun. I knew for sure that archeology wouldn't be for me. Thinking of you and saying a prayer.

Sherry Johnson
Eagan, MN

Sharon Johnson - June 06, 2020 at 01:06 AM



“ Dear Alice:

With sadness of heart I send deepest sympathy to you and your family! You are a part of 'our' family also and I understand at the deepest level what it means to lose a partner your life has revolved around. I send love and prayers to you all and know that I am thinking of you knowing Ted is in a wonderful glorious place, waiting for us all.

Betzy McCulloch

McCulloch Betzy - June 01, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ Ted was a very special cousin to me. I so enjoyed his and Alice's visit when they were in Ohio as well as my visit to their home when they were residing in Wisconsin. When I think of Ted, I think of his warm smile and calm, sweet demeanor. He will be greatly missed.

Joyce Ritchie

Joyce Ritchie - May 26, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ I was so appreciative of his teaching in the St. Luke Order series and in prep for Lay Ministry Service. His wisdom and kindness showed in all he did. Lois Olson POP

Lois Olson - May 26, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ Prayers and love to you, Alice and family. Ted and I served for ten years on staff together at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, MN. He was gifted in counseling, and my area was in evangelism. Pastor Ted was a very caring person, sincere and supportive to all. May God be your refuge and strength now, and peace in your future.

Pastor Richard Nelson

Richard Nelson - May 25, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ Good memories here of this Pasto

Ronald Bergerson - May 24, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Alice, I was sorry to hear of Ted's death. Wishing you and your family comfort and peace at this difficult time. Joyce

Joyce Anderson - August 07, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. We shared some interesting memories, didn't we? Sending hugs and prayers to you, Alice, and the family.

Jean Roberts - May 24, 2020 at 10:30 AM