



Doris A. Fehr

January 16, 1932 - June 14, 2022

Doris Alvina Fehr (née Adam) was born January 16, 1932 to John and Esther (Steinfeld) Adam in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis on May 27, 1949.

Doris accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior as a child and was baptized. She grew up attending Faith Baptist Church in Minneapolis (previously First German Baptist Church), the same church that members of her family belonged to sometime after immigrating to the United States.

Doris was encouraged by her grandmother to become a missionary. At first, Doris didn't think this was something she wanted to do, but the idea stayed with her. At one point, she heard someone say, "Sometimes God just wants you to surrender your life to Him. Maybe He won't even want you as a missionary, but He wants you to be willing to go as a missionary." Then one day she was reading the Bible, and she read where Samuel said to Saul, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice...." (1 Sam. 15:22 NLT). These words really spoke to Doris, and her response was that if God wanted her to go as a missionary, she would obey. She didn't know what she would do or how to get ready, but she told God to show her. "But I don't want to go alone," she prayed. "Send someone to go with me." At that point, the nagging in her heart was gone, and she made peace with the Lord

and was willing to go.

Then she met Peter Fehr at Faith Baptist Church. Peter told Doris about his plans to become a medical missionary to Cameroon. From then on, their plans merged. Peter and Doris were married by Rev. Adam Huber at Faith Baptist Church on September 11, 1954. They were blessed with five children: Diana, Paul (who died as an infant), David, Douglas, and Doreen.

Doris worked as a secretary for the Black & Decker company in Minneapolis while Peter completed medical school and was ordained for ministry. Peter and Doris were commissioned as missionaries at the North American Baptist Triennial Conference in Edmonton, Alberta in August of 1958. The couple traveled to Cameroon, and Peter began serving at Banso Baptist Hospital. The majority of their time on the mission field was spent in Banso, and they also served for two years in Bamenda. In addition to his medical work, Peter's roles included hospital manager, supervisor of local grade schools, and field missionary for the Banso and Oku churches. Doris's secretarial skills supported the work as she typed and kept files and records. She often accompanied Peter on church visits. She also hosted people who traveled to the hospital in need of medical help. In addition, she home-schooled. "It was a busy place," she said.

The Fehrs' original plan was to stay in Africa indefinitely. However, Peter suffered from allergies to tropical pollens. He had bouts of asthma, and the medications available at that time provided very poor control. The family decided to return to the United States (Robbinsdale, MN) after approximately ten years of mission service.

In 1972 the Fehrs purchased a lake home in Robbinsdale. Doris committed to the Lord to try to use that home for His glory in any way she could. She enjoyed hosting many guests, including missionaries on furlough who came to

Peter for physical exams. Doris loved providing Sunday dinners for her extended family in her home each week; she called it a "real joy." She also welcomed her church family for backyard baptisms and Whiz Bang Days fireworks gatherings.

Doris dearly loved sacred music. She served as organist at Faith Baptist Church for many years. Another of Doris's interests was painting chinaware. She painted lovely pieces, often floral or nature-themed, to adorn her home and to give as gifts to family and friends. She traveled extensively with Peter as he served with the Baptist World Alliance.

In 2019 Peter and Doris moved to Copperfield Senior Living in Robbinsdale; in 2021 they transferred to Maranatha Care Center in Brooklyn Center, MN. Doris passed away on June 14, 2022 in hospice care.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Peter, who was born one week before she was and died just 37 days before she did; infant son, Paul Fehr; her parents; brother, John Adam; sisters-in-law Mildred Adam, Diana Fehr, Elinor Fehr, and Carol Peterson; and brother-in-law William Rath. She is survived by her children Diana Wogensen, David Fehr, Douglas (Sharilyn) Fehr, and Doreen Fehr, all from the Twin Cities, and daughter-in-law Elizabeth Fehr of Big Sky, MT; grandchildren Lindsay (Matthew) McCoy, Jaime (Benjamin) Cook, Emily (Adam) Pettersen, Alexis Fehr, Peter D. Fehr, Shaelyse Fehr, and Jeddiah Fehr; ten great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Marjorie (Harold) Lang and Jean Rath; brothers-in-law Walter Fehr, Eric (Chris) Fehr, and Robert Fehr; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Memorial service July 6, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis; visitation at 9:30 a.m. Livestream will be available at <https://www>.

faithmpls.org/fehrfuneral. Reception lunch at the church, followed by inurnment at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, Crystal, MN.

Memorials may be designated to Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church
4350 Russell Ave. N.
Minneapolis, MN

Church Service

JUL 6. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Doris was a wonderful sister-in-law who was an important part off the Fehr family She was a talented musician and served as the organist and pianist of her church for many years. She was the one called on to play for Fehr family weddings and other celebrations. Doris was a gracious hostess in her home for family gatherings, including reunions and holiday celebrations. She always had a place for family members to stay who were visiting the Twin Cities. We always enjoyed the excellent culinary talents that she shared with us. Doris had an excellent sense of humor that we all enjoyed. Her smile and witty personality will be missed by all of us. Thanks Doris by being such a special part of our extended family.

Walter Fehr

Walter Fehr - June 17, 2022 at 05:44 PM

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“I never had the pleasure of meeting her, but worked with Diana and her dad. My sincere condolences to Diana and family for two loses so close together! God must have a special place for them after all the wonderful work they both did here on earth. I see now after reading about her parents, why Diana is who she is. Judy

judy morneau - June 17, 2022 at 02:39 PM

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“ Doris was a dear loving friend to me and all the 5:30 a.m. Curves members. We loved hearing stories of her family & her life. We all enjoyed our Friday Panera coffee time. She was especially dear to me. The 2 of us would have impromptu coffee times. She was a great listener and encourager. I am volunteering in many activities at my church because Doris always told me you can do it. I loved sharing my home canning with her. She was an angel here on earth (Chatty). Kathy Winn

kathy Winn - June 17, 2022 at 11:43 AM

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“ The Fehr family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Doris A. Fehr.



The Fehr family - June 17, 2022 at 10:07 AM