



Rev Graham Richard Cooper Fenton

July 13, 1949 - July 17, 2023

Fenton, Graham Graham, a dedicated Anglican priest who devoted his life to the service of others and the proclamation of the gospel, passed away on July 17 2023. Born in Kroonstad, South Africa, the only child of George and Eve Fenton, Graham's unwavering commitment to his faith and his deep love for his family will forever be remembered. Graham graduated from the University of Natal in 1971. He pursued seminary studies at St. John's Nottingham in England, graduating in 1974. During this time, he met the love of his life, Gill, to whom he was married for 49 years. Ordained in 1974 at Christ Church Addington, in Durban, South Africa, he served for three years as curate to the parish. His first appointment as priest-in-charge was at St. John's Wynberg in Cape Town, South Africa in 1977. In 1984, Graham took on the role of rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. In 1993, he became an associate rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina, Minnesota, before retiring in 2009. Beyond his commitment to the church, Graham had a wide range of interests and hobbies. He enjoyed fiction, delving into captivating stories. He was an avid reader of news, staying informed about the world around him. Graham also enjoyed traveling, biking, squash, racquetball, and walking, and his explorations took him to various corners of the globe. However, he always found comfort and joy in returning to his adopted country and beloved state of Minnesota. Graham's greatest pride and joy were his sons, Tim and Simon, their wives Carey and Ruth, and his grandchildren, Lily, Claire, James, and Collin. As a grandfather, he actively participated in their

lives, nurturing their growth, and creating lasting memories. Graham leaves behind a legacy of faith and love. He touched the lives of many, spreading hope and compassion through his ministry. His spirit will live on, and his memory will be cherished by all those fortunate enough to have known him. A memorial service to celebrate Graham's life will be held at noon on August 19, 2023 at Restoration Anglican, 5645 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Restoration Anglican Memorial Fund or Doctors Without Borders. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Church Service

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Restoration Anglican
5645 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN

Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering a very brief meeting with Graham who was my cousin. I was just a teenager when he visited the Uk with his parents, my uncle George and aunt Evelyn. Before they resettled back in the UK in Southampton. This would have been around 1975. My dad Ernest James Fenton was his uncle. I Had recently started a search to find Graham as the address I had was an old one only to now discover news of his passing. May he be at peace and with other members of the Fenton/Cooper family. Love is sent to Graham's family from Bridget Fenton and younger brother Martin Fenton xx

Bridget Fenton - March 25, 2024 at 05:59 PM