



Rev. Edwin Gray "Ed" Mendenhall

September 3, 1939 - October 27, 2015

Rev. Edwin Gray "Ed" Mendenhall, 76, of Florence, Arizona passed away on Oct. 27, 2015, at Florence Hospital at Anthem.

Rev. Mendenhall was born on Sept. 3, 1939, in Sanford, North Carolina to William and Anna Mae (Porter) Mendenhall.

He graduated from Sanford High School and attended the University of North Carolina, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University in 1965 and married Georgia White that same year. He was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1966. He married Alice Tenney in 1969, and they had two children.

He had a 50-year career in the ministry with several pastorates in Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana and Colorado. He married Sharon Reynolds Long in 1996 and continued in interim ministry for several years in Wyoming, Tempe and Prescott. He and Sharon lived in Arizona for 10 years with their two cats. He loved people, had a true heart for ministerial service and was seeking a new ministry at the time of his death. He was known for his flair for intellectual debate, was athletic and loved to jog, take pictures, watch war movies and read.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; a daughter, Alicia (Jason) Elmore of

Cadillac; three grandchildren: Zach, Anna, Drew; a stepson, James Long of San Jose, California; a sister, Lynda Arsenault and a brother, Charles Lyles both of Sanford, North Carolina.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jonathan Mendenhall, and a sister, Marianne Shaw.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Rev. Bert VanAntwerpen officiating. Friends may meet the family prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Selma Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cadillac Area YMCA. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

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“ Two deaths in one family in five years...such a tragedy. This family could use your donations to keep them going through these rough times. I want to donate to the Jonathan Edwin William Mendenhall Foundation set up by Alice Mendenhall and Anthony Dabiere...how about you?

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