



Rev. Ronald D. Boldman

January 12, 1937 - March 15, 2024

Ronald D. Boldman, age 87, of Manchester, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 15th, 2024 at home surrounded by family. Ronald was born January 12, 1937, in Apple Creek, Ohio, the son of Martin W. and Helen J. (Saurer) Boldman.

Ronald enjoyed his childhood years growing up on his grandparent's farm in Apple Creek, Ohio, with his brother, and later writing these childhood memories in weekly letters to his grandchildren. His grandmother was a strong spiritual influence in his life. Ronald was a member of the last class to graduate from Apple Creek High School (class of 1955); and a graduate of Heidelberg College (1961). On September 9, 1962, Ronald married Roselyn Joyce Good at St. Peter's Church in Apple Creek, Ohio. They moved to Webster Groves, MO., where Roselyn worked as a nurse for an oral surgeon and Ronald attended classes at Eden Theological Seminary. He graduated from Eden Theological Seminary (1964) and was ordained into the Christian ministry on June 24, 1964, at Apple Creek St. Peter's United Church of Christ. He served congregations in Glenmont and Millersburg, Ohio (1964-1972), Wellington, Ohio (1972-1978) and Saline, Michigan (1978-1999), retiring August 15, 1999. On November 22, 2009, Ronald was named as Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, MI.

In 1968 Ronald had the opportunity to participate in a United Church of Christ

tour of the Holy Land and India, an experience that had a lasting influence on him. Ronald enjoyed most being with family. He participated in sports in high school, softball teams at the churches he served, and golfing with his clergy brothers. Ronald liked to be out of doors, working on the lawn, gardens, and flower beds with Roselyn.

Ronald is survived by children Robyn (Darryl), Regan (Grace) and Ryan (Gina), five grandchildren, Megan (Brennan), Graham, Davis, Luke and Catherine, and a niece Susan. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, a daughter Rhonda, a brother Donald, and a sister-in-law Dianne.

A Memorial service will be held at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, MI, on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 A.M. Visitation will take place from 10:00 A.M until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. The service will also be live streamed on the St. Paul UCC Saline Facebook page. Rev. Jacoba Koppert and Rev. James Coran will preside at the service. A fellowship luncheon will follow the service and will be held at the Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul UCC and envelopes will be available at the Church. To leave a memory you have of Ronald, to sign his guestbook, or for directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline
122 W. Michigan Ave.
Saline, MI

Memorial Service

APR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Luncheon

APR 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ After church service one Sunday my parents were talking to Pastor Ron and he was still in his robes and my brother, 2 at the time, tugged on my dad’s arm and asked if Pastor Ron was God. He isn’t God but a very Godly man❤️

Kristi Cundiff (Klapper) - April 13, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TB

“ 4th grade, Apple Creek. Became friends. Ron was the only athlete in AC history to earn 4 varsity letters in each of basketball, baseball, and track. Our freshman year in baseball we played the seniors, his brother Don was the senior pitcher. Ron knew Dons every move. As Don would wind up, Ron shouted curve, fastball, change-up. Us frosh knocked Don out of the box and won the game. Great friend thru highschool and started Univ. CINCI. together. We were coming home from Cinci in my car. I was speeding, and tired, gave the wheel to Ron, and a patrolman pulled us over. He took the rap as the gentleman he was. Warning, no ticket. True Friend.

Terry Burkey - April 03, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Pastor Ron came to Saline in late 1970's with his helpmate, Rose and his young family. Cheryl and I were recently married and St. Paul became our church home.*

As active members, we became aware of Pastor Ron's Christian example of faithfulness, dedication and love.

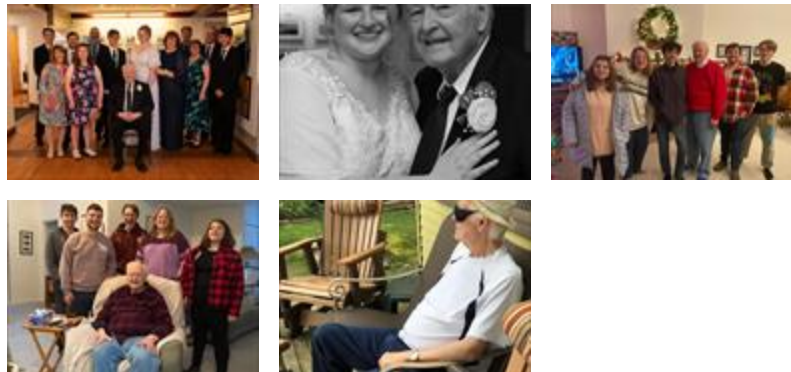
Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Boldman family.

*Sincerely,
Jim and Cheryl Hoefft*

Cheryl Hoefft - April 01, 2024 at 02:18 PM

MH

“ *12 files added to the album Tribute wall*



Megan Haley - March 23, 2024 at 03:00 PM

JB

“ *Ron and I were classmates at Eden Seminary. We also did fieldwork together in the “projects” in St. Louis our first year. Other kind comments expressed here reflect the Ron I knew. I always thought of him as a special person and good friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

John Bock - March 23, 2024 at 09:48 AM

GD

“ Prayers of comfort to the family during this time of loss. Ron and Rose were a perfect example of Christian service. From Rotary lunches to weddings, always loving and uplifting. Until we meet again friend. Shalom. Gene and Sandy DeRossett

Gene DeRossett - March 22, 2024 at 07:21 PM

RB

“ 3 files added to the album Tribute wall



REGAN A BOLDMAN - March 19, 2024 at 05:40 PM

BS

“ I remember a patient man during confirmation classes as he tried to teach some fidgety kids. I also remember having to read a bible verse and before I went up in front of the church, I noticed his hand shaking a bit. I was nervous. but figured if he was shaking, I would be ok as well. Later he told me it was something he had to conquer every time he preached. Who knows, maybe he told me to help a scared kid get the verse read. Either way, it was leadership. Rev. Boldman had an impact on my life in ways he probably wouldn't know. I told my wife he is one of only two preachers I can say made me think. His character and honor went before him. Rest in Peace Ron.

Brian Stierle

Brian Stierle - March 19, 2024 at 03:54 PM

MH

“ Grandpa, you taught me what it means to love others, as well as how to be loved. You encouraged me to dream big and be true to myself. You taught me that even though the world can seem like such a dark, scary place sometimes, there are people who will go above and beyond just to see you smile. You have touched so many lives. Your legacy lives and will live on in your children, grandchildren, and the generations to come. I love you so much. Rest in Peace ❤️



Megan Haley - March 18, 2024 at 07:57 PM