

It is with profound sadness that we report the death of Dr. William O Emrich on Saturday February 16, 2025 in Bay City, MI. Bill was born in Pittsburgh, PA on January 30, 1942 the first son of Oscar and Virginia Emrich. Bill attended Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Bucknell University, and Carnegie Tech University. He attained a bachelor of science from Bucknell and a Master and Doctorate degree in chemistry from Carnegie Tech, later Carnegie Mellon University.

Upon graduation he went to work for Diamond Alkaline Corp. in Mentor Ohio. Diamond merged with Shamrock Oil Company and Bill went to work with a sub-division the Electrode Corporation. He traveled world-wide selling and installing bleach machines used for water treatment.

While in Mentor, he became deeply involved with Teen Challenge Ministry to persons experiencing addiction. Raised as a Presbyterian, he felt called to the ministry and left a lucrative career in chemistry to become a Presbyterian minister. He attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary graduating in 1986 with a Masters of Divinity degree.

He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and served churches in Buffalo, NY and West Alexander, Pa. He went on to serve as a full-time interim pastor at Walled Lake, MI, Wichita, KS, and Kokomo, IN. He traveled on numerous mission trips to Ethiopia and was a great supporter and participant in the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. He became a hospital chaplain at the Ascension St Vincent Hospital in Kokomo, IN. Upon retirement he continued to live in Kokomo, IN and became quite active in the First Church of the Nazarene singing in its choir.

Bill was an accomplished singer, percussionist, organ and piano player. He shared these talents with many over his lifetime.

In his later years, he moved to Saginaw, MI to be near his brother, The Rev. Dr. Robert Emrich and his wife, Buff. He had several good years in Saginaw but experienced diminished abilities due to memory loss and other physical disabilities. He eventually spent the last few months of his life in an assisted living home in Bay City, MI. There he experienced loving and great care at Close to Home and McClaren Hospice

Bill was a kind and loving soul regarded by his friends, family and colleagues as a blessed and giving man. He had a brilliant mind and was a talented preacher and pastor. He will be missed by those who knew him and were a part of his life.

He is survived by his brother, The Rev Dr. Robert Emrich (Buff) and a brother, Bruce Emrich (Judy), as well as their respective families. The interment of his cremains will take place in New Castel, Pa. in the spring of this year.

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