



## Rev. Dr. Floyd R. Stradley

September 30, 1933 - June 15, 2021

Rev. Dr. Floyd R. Stradley

The Rev. Dr. Floyd R. Stradley, an ordained United Methodist Minister, went to be with his heavenly Father on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. He was born September 30, 1933 in Arkansas and grew up in Decatur, Illinois where his parents moved soon after his birth. He married Donna Hiser, June 22, 1957 at First E.U.B. Church in Decatur. A home maker, Donna was always beside him from the time they began dating in college through a marriage of almost 64 years. Floyd graduated from Millikin University in 1955 and the Evangelical Theological Seminary (now Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary) in 1958, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He subsequently earned his Doctor of Ministry from Boston University School of Theology in 1985.

Stradley was a parish pastor, blessing and being blessed by experiences gained in small towns, growing suburbs, and cities. He served seven churches in all: Gibson City E.U.B., Peoria University UMC (associate pastor), Delavan UMC, Decatur Christ UMC, and senior pastor at Morton UMC, Champaign First UMC, and Kankakee St. Mark UMC., all of which belong to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

A believer in ministry beyond the local church, he was active in councils of

churches, ministerial associations, and various youth camps. His conference service included District Committees of Church Location and Building, Conference Health Insurance Committee, Commission on Equitable Compensation, Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and multiple terms as chairperson of the Conference Board of Pensions. Service to the greater community included several years on the Board of Trustees of Peoria's Methodist Medical Center. An active Rotarian for over four decades, he served as president of the Morton, IL club.

His parents, John and Clarice Stradley, preceded him in death as did his brother, Cecil. Survivors include his wife, Donna (Hiser); son, Craig (Jacqui) of Philadelphia, PA; daughter, Janis (Dave Wright) of Chicago, IL; grandchildren Meredith Stradley (Alex Mitchell) of Washington DC, Kendrick Stradley of Honeybrook, PA; and great-grandson Mack William Mitchell. Also surviving are his nephew Mark Stradley and step grandchildren Mitch (Jess) Wright, Kendall Wright, Delaney Wright and step great-granddaughter Milah Wright.

Visitation will take place at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Asbury United Methodist Church, 196 S. Harrison Avenue, Kankakee, IL 60901. Memorials can be made to Asbury United Methodist Church, Kankakee, IL.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 933-4408  
<https://www.kasbury.org/>

## Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Asbury United Methodist Church  
196 S. Harrison  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
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# Tribute Wall

LP

“ Donna and family, my heartfelt condolences to you as you prepare to celebrate Floyd's life and ministry. He has been a role model in ministry, a connection with IGRC as he earned his DMin the same day I earned my MDiv at Boston University School of Theology and a supportive colleague as he transitioned to retirement. Thank you as a family as you made sacrifices so he could be a faithful pastor through the years. Blessings, Rev. Leah Pogemiller

Leah R Pogemiller - July 08, 2021 at 03:05 AM

SM

“ So sorry for the loss of this faithful man. I am glad Floyd got to meet his great grandson Mack a few weeks ago. Susan and Peter Mitchell

susan mitchell - June 19, 2021 at 09:24 AM

AB

“ Ashley B lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Floyd R. Stradley



Ashley B - June 18, 2021 at 01:56 PM

Steve West

“ r i p floyd we will all miss you steve alic and noah



Steve West - June 18, 2021 at 09:37 AM

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“ Steve West lit a candle in memory of Rev. Dr. Floyd R. Stradley



Steve West - June 18, 2021 at 09:35 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Stradley, Craig & Janis. Long time since Christ United Methodist in Decatur. RIP Rev. Stradley.

Mike Williams

Mike Williams - June 17, 2021 at 11:36 PM

RY

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family. Rev. Darryl Young

Rev. Darryl D Young - June 17, 2021 at 04:55 PM

BC

Extending my sympathy to Mrs. Stradley and her children.

Bonnie Champion

Bonnie L. Champion - June 19, 2021 at 01:06 AM

WJ

A very dear friend who will be dearly missed. Wayne and Jean

Wayne and Jean - June 25, 2021 at 01:28 PM