



Rev. David Lee Warren

June 26, 1946 - August 6, 2019

Rev. David L. Warren, 73, of Asheville passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the John F. Keever, Jr. Solace center. He was born in Statesville, NC to Helen Rose Barkley and James Aaron Warren.

A veteran of the United States Army, David served his country from 1965 to 1967. He served in Vietnam from 1966 until 1967.

David and his family moved to Asheville in 1978 when he became the chair of the newly formed criminal justice program at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. He taught at A-B Tech for twenty-five years prior to retirement. He held a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina.

While continuing to serve in his role at A-B Tech he became a licensed local pastor in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Warren attended seminary at Erskine Theological Seminary in South Carolina. He served multiple United Methodist churches including: Little Sandy, Fanning Chapel, Barnardsville, Mountain Valley, Emma, Bell and Grace. He also served as the assistant pastor of Asbury UMC. At the time of his death he was serving the congregation of Grace UMC. David served as a key leader in the Safe Sanctuaries program in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church which focuses on the protection of children from sexual

abuse within the church.

Rev. Warren was an active leader in the Mountain Chapter of the Order of St. Luke's healing prayer ministry. David and his wife, Katie, were founding members of the Centering Prayer Group at Grace Episcopal Church in 2012.

David continued his service to the community by working with families in need of a preacher for funerals and celebrating lives. He gave numerous families his time graciously and cared for each of them deeply.

David is survived by his wife Katie S. Warren; daughter, Jennifer Warren; granddaughter, McKenna Stewart; sister, Annie Jane Harris; an aunt, Margaret Dickens and multiple nieces and nephews. David is also survived by his beloved Golden Retriever, Emma Rose.

His brother, Lanny Warren preceded him in death.

A Celebration of David's life will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, August 9, 2019 at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church, 171 Beaverdam Rd, Asheville, NC 28804. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00pm on Thursday, August 8, at Morris Funeral & Cremation Care, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

Memorial contributions in David's name can be sent to the OSL Mountain Chapter, P. O. 25116, Asheville, NC 28813 where David was an active member of the Healing Prayer Ministry.

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

AUG 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church
171 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, NC 28804
<http://www.asburymemorialumc.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. David Lee Warren*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Katie and family,
We had not known that David was ill. He was a man who I considered a hero in the faith - although I never told him so - unfortunately. I was amazed at his dedication in retirement to continue preaching and caring for the people of churches to which he was assigned. You are both super people and dear friends. Every time I think of you, it is of the smiles, good humor, and faithfulness you shared. I picture him now with the saints of his family who went before him. I'm sure you miss him big time. If you see Debra, say hi to her as well. I always enjoyed coming to the district office and seeing you both. You made it a nice place to be.
God's peace be with you,
Rich and Carol*

Rich and Carol Ploch - August 15, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ *Living in the same neighborhood, we would see David while walking. He always had a smile and a friendly greeting. We send our condolences to his family.
Mike and Kara Small*

Mike and Kara Small - August 09, 2019 at 04:34 PM

BF

“ I remember David's days as a Statesville Police officer and his stories of the downtown Statesville characters. He had a great sense of humor and I enjoyed his company. Katie and Jennifer, I am very sorry and will be thinking of you.

Bill Furches

Bill Furches - August 09, 2019 at 06:27 AM

MG

“ I only met David twice. First, when he presided over my Grandfather's Funeral and again recently at my Grandmother's Funeral. I was shocked to learn of his passing. It was an honor to shake the hand of this great and honorable man just 3 weeks ago. Thank you David. For all you did for my Family, it meant a lot to us. Blessings to yours.

Matt Garrison - August 09, 2019 at 03:44 AM

RC

“ David was a sweet, wonderful friend and client. We are all so saddened to hear of his loss and pray for strength and peace for Katie and Jennifer.

Rona Church - August 08, 2019 at 03:37 PM

ED

“ Ernie Welborn, Ret. Asheville PD, Student of David purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rev. David Lee Warren.



Ernie Welborn, Ret. Asheville PD, Student of David - August 08, 2019 at 08:59 AM

ML

“ I was not privileged to know the Warren family well; but I feel like I knew them because my twin, Martha Bass, loved them so much and shared so many sweet things about them with me. I will never forget that day in March 2017 when she was going in for breast cancer surgery. Pastor David was waiting at the hospital when we arrived. His prayer that morning brought such comfort. My husband Ron and I will be praying for the Warren family, grateful that this man passed briefly through our lives and left indelible footprints on our hearts.

Margaret Lackey - August 07, 2019 at 09:23 PM

MB

“ It is difficult to find a human voice to convey the sadness we feel at David's passing.
My husband Dave first met David Warren at AB Tech years ago when he took a class with David Warren as his instructor.
Then years later when David became the pastor at Emma United Methodist church he and our family bonded immediately.
During my cancer journey a couple of years ago David and his precious wife Katie prayed many prayers for me especially at the Healing Services at Grace Episcopal Church.
Our love and prayers are with Katie, Jennifer and my special friend McKenna as they walk this unfamiliar valley of grief.
Martha and David Bass

Martha Bass - August 07, 2019 at 07:12 PM

BA

“ My husband and I met David at the Homecoming service in July. We thought he was such a nice pastor and would help build the church and community I know Grace UMC is saddened by his passing, and I hope someone with his dedication to our Lord will fill his place.

Barbara S. Alexander

Barbara Alexander - August 07, 2019 at 12:25 PM

KH

“ David always had a smile and a kind word every time I saw him. I was blessed to have known him. I am so sorry for your loss Mrs. Katie.

*Kim Hensley-Hunter
SECU*

Kim Hensley-Hunter - August 07, 2019 at 10:06 AM

KC

“ David was a good man with a smile for everyone. I am so sorry for your loss, Katie and family. Kim Higgins Clardy

Kim Clardy - August 06, 2019 at 05:22 PM