

In Loving Memory



David Kingsley McMillan

April 30, 1936 – July 11, 2026

After a long life and a brief illness, David Kingsley McMillan, beloved husband and father, died peacefully in his sleep on July 11, 2026 at the age of 90 in Slingerlands, NY.

Born April 30, 1936, in White Plains, NY, to John and Grace McMillan, David grew up in Delmar, NY, and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1954. He later earned a B.S. from Hamilton College and a Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary.

David and Elizabeth had known each other since kindergarten and married on June 20, 1959. Together they enjoyed 67 wonderful years of marriage and raised four children, Stephen, Mary, Katie and Rachel.

David was a Presbyterian Minister, serving churches in Rochester, NY, Cleveland Heights, OH, and Philadelphia, PA. After retirement, David served as stated supply pastor in Hoosick Falls, NY, and Hudson, NY. Over six decades of ministry he cared for congregations large and small, using sermons, prayer and counsel to illuminate the teachings of the Church and make sense of the modern world. In the early 1970s, he was instrumental in a successful reimagining of the Central Presbyterian Church building in Rochester, NY, which allowed The Hochstein School of music to take up residency.

He wrote several books based on his experiences with his churches: Pilgrimage with a People 1961 – 1975 (edited by Bernie Lemly), Pilgrimage with a People 1983 – 2001 and Pilgrimage with a People Part III 1971 – 2009. He also produced a pamphlet with personal commentary on several dozen of his favorite quotes.

David was known for his love of poetry, his unwavering faith in the Cleveland and Philadelphia sports teams, his love of all things railroad, and his joyful experiences traveling the world with Elizabeth. He enjoyed working on a good picture puzzle, was the best in the family at finding the Pangram in the daily NY Times Spelling Bee, and was the family Scrabble scorekeeper. He loved baking and frosting Christmas cookies and building gingerbread houses with his grandchildren. When asked what his greatest accomplishments were, he replied: “Raising a family and creating diverse congregations.”

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his children Stephen Kingsley (Anne), Mary Louise, and Katherine Elizabeth (Rob) and three grandchildren – Autumn, Lizzie and Elijah. He was preceded in death by his brother John (Carolyn) and daughter Rachel.

Service Information

Funeral Service: Saturday, August 22 at 11:00 am
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY

In lieu of flowers, the family request
memorial contributions be made to [Doctors Without Borders](#).