



Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr.

September 14, 1946 - May 4, 2023

Dateline: Alton, IL

Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr., died at 5:12 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born September 14, 1946 in Indianapolis, IN the son of the late George and Tina (Whittaker) Humbert Sr. He graduated from Ball State University and then served with the Peace Corp in Malawi, Africa. George then attended Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in Kentucky. He served as the Pastor of College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton for 31 years. On August 28, 1971 he married Lynna Miller and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Shanna Schulz (Nathan) of Sharpsburg, GA, one son, Ethan Humbert of Bunker Hill, four grandchildren, Paige Lemasson (JJ), Conner Humbert, Hayden Schulz and Ericka Schulz, one great granddaughter, Stella Lemasson, one sister, Ginny Riffle of Salisbury, Maryland and one cousin, Debbie Garner of Indianapolis. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Lovejoy United Presbyterian Church in Wood River, IL where a memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Reverend Daniel Ervin will officiate. Memorials may be made to Lovejoy United Presbyterian Church or Oasis Women's Center. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LoveJoy United Presbyterian Church
2550 Rock Hill Road
Wood River, IL 62095

Memorial Service

MAY **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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2550 Rock Hill Road
Wood River, IL 62095

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *May the peace of Christ be with you all. George, Lynna and family were with us at First Presbyterian in Clarksburg, West Virginia very early in his ministry. We were blessed by our having had them in our midst. Melissa (“Missy”) Morris Phillips*

Melissa Morris Phillips - May 29, 2023 at 09:13 AM

GS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. Cindy & Greg Sims*

Greg Sims - May 27, 2023 at 05:09 PM

MD

“ *Deepest sympathy to Rev. George Humbert's extended family.*

I have many fond memories of George. He revived the church youth group and we gathered regularly for fun and fellowship. We played basketball, softball and we had lock-ins. We had fundraisers and we collected glass weekly to fund our annual canoe trips. We loved it when George would play the guitar at night around the campfire.

George baptized me and my daughter. And he conducted the funeral services for my Grandmother and Father.

He touched many lives and is loved by many.

Mary Chappell Devona

Mary C. Devona - May 26, 2023 at 07:45 PM

JP

“*Lynna, Ethan, and Shanna, Tom and I send our love to you and your family as you celebrate George's extraordinary life. We were honored to have been married by George 31 years ago at College Avenue. I remember the night he visited Russ and Janice at their home. Tom and I were both there. We were getting ready to join the church, and George wanted to get to know us better. He brought his guitar and sang with us. He loved music and knew we did, too. That's what I'll remember most about George - he truly loved connecting with other people, and when you were in his presence you felt like you were one of his very dearest friends. I think he made everyone feel like that, and it was a wonderful gift that he possessed. You are on our hearts today. Just wanted to let you know how much we love you all! We are so grateful to have known George.*”

Jamie Pullen - May 26, 2023 at 02:39 PM

JF

“*Jesse, Lori, Conner, and Jenna Fassler purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr..*”



Jesse, Lori, Conner, and Jenna Fassler - May 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JF

“*Jesse, Lori, Conner, and Jenna Fassler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr..*”

Jesse, Lori, Conner, and Jenna Fassler - May 26, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JB

“*Lynna...I'm so sorry to hear of George's passing. I've loved reading the memories that others have shared. He was truly loved...and he lived a life of love and service to God and to others. I pray you and your family will receive the peace that comes in times such as these, and in knowing George has gone home to his loving Father in Heaven. Joanie Bunker*

Joanie Bunker - May 25, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr..*

May 25, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“*Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr..*



May 19, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LN

“*I had many wonderful memories of George Humbert growing up. From the numerous float trips with the youth group at College Avenue Presbyterian church (canoeing together and flipping the canoe when I was afraid of a snake in the water) to babysitting the kids. God bless you and peace be with your family. Love, Libby*

Libby Nolan - May 11, 2023 at 06:14 PM

EM

“ I echo and underscore all the notes about George's kindness and his friendly nature. We had connections through Presbytery which created memories I will cherish. Comfort and love bless his family and friends. Eldon McKie

Eldon McKie - May 09, 2023 at 09:23 PM

CK

“ My sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Rev Humbert. I had the amazing opportunity to work with George as a parish nurse. He was genuinely a very nice person. He could answer all my theological questions. I will be forever grateful for his and Lynna's contribution to my mission trip to Kenya in 2012. He loved talking about the mission trips he had been on. Gone too soon, but heaven gained a saint!

Cathie Ketterer - May 09, 2023 at 09:05 PM



“ So blessed to have known George and his wonderful family. The Sunday services, sermons, bringing everyone closer to God.

Prayers for all of you Lynna. Shanna, Ethan and families.

Debbie Popovchak-Erickson - May 08, 2023 at 05:59 PM

BF

“ We were so sorry to learn of Reverend Humbert's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolence on your loss. George was truly a remarkable man. He touched so many lives in ways that even he could not have imagined. George officiated at the funerals of both our oldest Brother and our Mother. His words were a great comfort to our family at a difficult time. Now we pray that God brings peace to your hearts and great comfort just as George did for us and others in his ministry.

Badman Family - May 08, 2023 at 03:38 PM

GG

“ started playing handball with George almost every Saturday morning at 7am in the 80s. then we played wallyball and after a while sometime in the 90s he married Gail and I.I would run into him once in a while. we would talk about handball and how we missed it. then one day I ran into him at maxs sport center, and he started playing pickleball with a group of us. He loved the game and played when he could. We played 3 days a week when we could I arrived at location expecting to see George and was told by Linda Hawkins that his wife called and said he has suffered a heart emergency. I was so sad to hear that he had passed few days later. I was expecting to see him come in and would wonder at what outfit he was going to wear. He had many friends. I am glad I am one of them. he will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure to meet him he was loved by many of us so sorry for the family he always had great things to say about them so long friend we will miss you on or off the court.

greg gutierrez - May 07, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JY

“ *John & Jess (Elmendorf) Yard purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Reverend George Henry Humbert Jr..*



John & Jess (Elmendorf) Yard - May 07, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *You made loving God such a beautiful thing. I love you and will see you when I come home someday.*

Trudie Rothe - May 05, 2023 at 11:15 PM

SS

“ *George was one of the kindest men I ever knew. He has left a legacy of love*

Susan Schnirring - May 05, 2023 at 10:29 PM

BF

“ *Our family expresses our sincere condolences to the Humbert family, during this time of loss. We pray for comfort and peace for the family.*

We are so grateful for the many years of friendship we had with Pastor George.

Sincerely

Brian Fine & Family

Brian Fine - May 05, 2023 at 09:01 PM

SS

“ Lynna, Shanna, Ethan Our hearts are heavy and sad for the loss of your loved one and our long time pastor. Heavens gates have open to receive a faithful servant trumpets are playing angels singing you have our deepest sympathy from the confirmation of our children to their marriages and funeral services for my parents who were so fond of George he was always there. May our lord & savior keep you in his arms. So often George would close with (Shalon) Shalon George Job Well Done! Faithful servant!



Stephen & Janet Sanders - May 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM

NF

Dearest Lynna, I am so sorry to hear of George. I think of you often and know you were and are such inspirations for me. Please know my heart is with you for peace and comfort. So many wonderful memories I have of you all. ❤️🙏

Nancy Fine - May 05, 2023 at 08:39 PM

SH

“ The Ronald Haynes family sends our love and prayers for strength to George's family. He was a great influence on all of us, and married all three of our sons, Michael and Mark and Matt. He is in Heaven playing that guitar.

Sherry Haynes - May 05, 2023 at 03:50 PM

AG

“ One truly amazing man who touched so many life's. I grew up going to his church & playing with his kids. I was blessed to have him marry me & my husband in 2006. He will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Go rest high on that mountain Reverend Humbert!!

Amy (Buck) Grizzle - May 05, 2023 at 12:34 PM

JM

“ *What a wonderful, beloved man who lived the Gospel message and shared that message with those he met. May angels come to greet him and bring him to paradise!* ”

John Meehan - May 05, 2023 at 12:24 AM

SK

“ *George married us at my parents' home on 20 November 1981 (his daughter, Shanna's, 9th birthday) George was not only a pastor but a good friend to everyone he came in contact with. Rest in Peace George. You fought the good battle and are now rewarded by sitting at the right hand of God our Father. Smokey and Beverly* ”



Smokey and Beverly Krieg - May 04, 2023 at 09:43 PM

CR

“ *George not only baptized all three of my children he also performed all of their weddings. I consider him the kindest gentleman I've ever known and a true friend. He was not just our pastor he was a great friend.* ”

Chuck Randall - May 04, 2023 at 07:55 PM

LE

“ *Reverend George,
You have been one of the most influential people in my life. From the very beginning before I even entered this world you knew of me. From my Baptism to my my wedding , and the life celebrations in between, you have been there. I love you with all my heart.* ”

Lisa Cook (daughter of Trudie Eberlin) - May 04, 2023 at 07:45 PM

BF

“ We were married in 1988 by Rev George at College Avenue Presbyterian and he blended two families, Catholic and Presbyterian, in the most loving and unified way possible. My family thought the world of him (especially my Mom Marjorie Beane) and I'm so sad to hear of his passing. My heartfelt sympathy to his family and to all who cared for him and received his guidance throughout the years.

Belinda Feezel - May 04, 2023 at 06:43 PM