

REVEREND FRANK C. BATES



Reverend Frank C. Bates, aged 87, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 10, 2024, surrounded by the love of his wife, Natalie Laird Ozeas. Born in Spokane, Oregon, in 1936, Frank's journey through life took him to many places, most recently residing at The Waters in McMurray and formerly in Mt. Lebanon, PA.

Frank was one of five boys and is survived by his beloved sister, Leta Joy Bates. His cherished family includes his daughter Lori Elizabeth Bates and her husband Mark Temkin, his son Bruce Wallace Bates and wife Carla Marlenee Bates, and his grandchildren, Jade Marlenee Bates, and Declan Cameron Bates. He also leaves behind his family by marriage, Nancy Ellen Ozeas, Charles Frederic Ozeas, his wife Melissa (Toy), and their children, Samantha Claire, and William Charles. Frank took immense pride in his grandchildren and cherished every moment spent with them.

Frank's academic journey included a bachelor's degree from Whitworth University and a master's degree in theology from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. His passion for ministry and education was evident in his instrumental role in creating Kerygma and Thesis Theological Cassettes, where he served as the series editor. Frank's work took him across the globe, teaching in the United States, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, Australia, and the Caribbean Islands.

Frank touched many lives as a youth minister at Beulah Presbyterian Church in Churchill, PA, an assistant minister at Westwood Presbyterian Church in Santa Monica, CA, and as an associate minister at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon, PA. He had a warm, outgoing personality and ability to forge lasting friendships.

Frank's love for music and singing brought joy to many. He often accompanied Natalie to her work at Carnegie Mellon University and the Pittsburgh City Schools. They traveled the country and world together for urban music demonstrations. Frank was her constant companion.

Recently, Frank fulfilled a lifelong dream by completing and publishing his first novel, "A Walk Around the Block."

Frank's life was a testament to his faith, love for his family, and unwavering dedication to his community. He will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

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