



Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

~ Matthew 5:16 ~



Dr. James E. Keck

Date and Place of Birth

October 7, 1942
Berea, Ohio

Date and Place of Passing

May 18, 2010
Williston, North Dakota

HIS FUNERAL SERVICE

Faith United Methodist Church
Monday, May 24, 2010
Ten-thirty, AM

OFFICIANT

Rev. Rod Tkach

MUSICIANS

Phil Jore, Musician
Robert and Priscilla Keck, Vocalists
Vail Rowland, Choir Director
Merna Patch, Organist
Sandi Blikre, Organist

CASKET BEARERS**His Children and Their Spouses**

Jonathan Keck	Vail & Steve Rowland	Wesley Keck
Samuel & Karli Keck		Robert & Priscilla Keck

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

James' Loving Family and Friends

INTERMENT

Riverview Cemetery
Williston, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Everson Funeral Home
Williston, North Dakota

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to share remembrances of James*

James Edward Keck, 67, took his life back to its Source on May 18, 2010, terminating his battle with advanced diabetes and depression.

Born in Berea, Ohio, October 7, 1942, to Charles G. and Irene (Ruhlman) Keck, Jim was the youngest of three sons. He attended school in Berea, received a French horn scholarship to Baldwin-Wallace College (B.A. 1965) and obtained a Ph.D. in Psychology from Case Western Reserve University in 1974.

In 1966, Jim married Mary Ann Molnar and to this union were born two children: Jonathan Charles and Vail Elizabeth Keck. Upon their divorce in 1975, Jim experienced single parenthood while working as director and chief psychologist at the Iowa Security Medical Facility in Oakdale, Iowa.

While a member of First United Methodist Church in Iowa City, he learned the value of a church family and eventually met his future wife, Jaquelyn (Jacki) Dennis, as they both sang in the choir. Common interests in music and faith resulted in their marrying on August 27, 1977, after which the family of four moved to Jamestown, North Dakota, where Jim took a position as forensic unit director at the North Dakota State Hospital.

Spring of 1978 found the family back in Iowa, where Jim worked as psychologist at the Chemical Dependency Unit of the Mental Health Institute in Mt. Pleasant. Three boys were added to the Keck family: Wesley Gilbert (1979) and Samuel Fegtly and Robert Sebley (1982). Jim loved the outdoors, growing things and three times peddled across the state in RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa).

In 1992, Jim was offered the position of psychologist at Mercy Medical Center in Williston, North Dakota. The family transitioned from country to city life and became active in school and church. Primarily a pianist, Jim added playing the organ to his accomplishments and serviced not only Faith United Methodist but other churches in Williston, along with being available for funerals and weddings. Church and community activities involved the whole family, especially when it came to music. Together they participated in church choir, handbells and singing in the Williston Community Chorale. He and Jacki both played French horn in City Band. In recent years Jim accompanied the Williston Strings.

His professional life was important. He was a member of the American Psychological Association and a regular attendee at meetings and conferences of the North Dakota Psychological Association. His generous heart extended to those whom he tried to help, even as deteriorating health made it difficult to find energy and peace. But his joy came in following the accomplishments of his children and getting acquainted with his grandchildren.

Jim is survived by his wife, Jaquelyn of Williston; sons, Jonathan of Campbell CA, Wesley of Fargo, Samuel (Karli) and Robert (Priscilla), both of Williston; and daughter, Vail (Steve) Rowland of Moorpark CA; brothers, Richard of Cleveland OH, and David of Athens OH; mother-in-law, Rachel Dennis of Iowa City IA; and grandchildren, Ian, Emma, Piper and Grace.

Preceding Jim in death were his parents and father-in-law.

Memorials can be given to the music scholarship established in the name of James Keck at Williston State College or the Stained Glass Window project at Faith United Methodist Church.

In Memory of

James E. Keck



October 7, 1942 ~ May 18, 2010