

Robert Graham Jackson, Sr.

SOUTH BEND - Reverend Robert Graham Jackson, Sr. passed away on September 13, 2019 in South Bend, Indiana. He was born on March 2, 1930 in Madison, Indiana to the late Finnell and Glenita Wheeler Jackson and he grew up in Trimble County, Kentucky.



During his college years he felt a calling from God to serve as a minister and began his career as a pastor in the Methodist Church. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Butler University in 1958 and was ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church. He received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree from DePauw University in 1979. His ministerial career spanned nearly 50 years in the then North Indiana UMC Conference.

He married Ruth Gene Stivers on May 31, 1953. Together they were partners in the ministry for Christ and they raised three sons, Robb, Phil, Gregg and one daughter Jennifer. Bob's passion in life was his family, his ministry and the beauty of life. During his pastoral career Bob's love, compassion, deep faith and caring touched and aided a countless number of lives.

He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 66 years, sons Phillip Gene and Richard Gregg, his daughter Jennifer Anne and son-in-law James Pawlak; 8 grandchildren Katie Wade, Christian, Skye, Joseph and Chloe Jackson, David, Carl and Andrew Jones; great grandchildren, Ezra Brewer and Lydia Wade. He is also survived by his brother Allen Jackson and sister Anne Wise and brother-in-law, Roy W. Stivers.

He was preceded in death by his son Robert G Jackson, Jr., his parents and his sister Verna Jackson Fisher.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 12:00pm - 2:00pm at First United Methodist Church, 1215 Jackson Street, Anderson, IN 46016 followed by a service at 2:30pm officiated by Terri Cole.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Lindsey Wilson College, 210 Lindsey Wilson Street, Columbia, KY 42728.

Obituary for Robert Graham Jackson, 1930-2019

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