



David Goodrich Gabel

June 27, 1945 - October 18, 2020

FORT WORTH - David "Dave" Goodrich Gabel went to his home in Heaven on Oct. 18, 2020. He was born in Orlando, Florida to Norman and Dorothea Gabel on June 27, 1945 and raised in Santa Barbara, California. He earned a BA from Wesleyan University, in Connecticut; an MEd. from the University of South Carolina and an MDiv. from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

In the summer of 1964 he was a civil rights volunteer in Mississippi helping register voters and teaching children in the freedom schools. After marrying Joanne Aki in 1966, they served in Colombia, South America in the Peace Corps then moved to Columbia, South Carolina where their three children were born. In 1981, the family moved to Fort Worth, Texas so Dave could attend the seminary. He taught school in South Carolina and retired from the Dannon Yogurt Company in Fort Worth.

He was a faithful member of Gambrell Street Baptist Church for 39 years where he enjoyed singing in the various choirs and the Men's Ensemble.

Dave loved the Lord, his church and his family. His favorite pastimes were family gatherings, attending his grandsons' ballet and musical performances, dates with Joanne, reading, watching movies, singing and listening to classical music.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors: Wife of 53 years, Joanne; sons, Mark and John Gabel; daughter, Christy Coffey and husband, Mike, and their three sons, Jacob, Andrew and Stephen; sister, Judy Boyd and husband, Lance, and their two daughters, Heather and Sarolyn; half-sister, Betsy Galipeau; step-sister, Pam Coryell; and other relatives and friends.

The family expresses deep appreciation to the pastor and members of the church, to the staff of Autumn Leaves Memory Care Residence and VITAS Hospice.

Memorial Service Saturday, November 7, 2020, at 11:00 am at Gambrell Street Baptist Church.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Parkinson Disease Association, VITAS Hospice or Gambrell Street Baptist church.

Comments



“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but please let us share our heartfelt condolences. In just a little while all the pain and sorrow that we feel from the death of our love ones will cease and be replaced with joy, because the former things have passed away. Truly sorry for your loss.

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