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Donald Paul Bard

Donald Paul Bard, 74, of Grinnell, Iowa, and formerly of Bloomington, Ill., died on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, surrounded by his family at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Visitation is scheduled from 5 PM - 7 PM Thursday, July 14, at Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell.

A funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Friday, July 15, at Prairie Lakes Church in Grinnell. A reception will follow the service at the church. Burial will be held later at Olio Township Cemetery in Eureka, Ill.

Don was born on July 8, 1948 in Pullman, Wash., to Paul Magnus and Lois Mae (Currell) Bard. He grew up on the west coast, between California and

Washington, graduating from Benton City High School with the class of 1966. Following high school, he enlisted in the Army and honorably served during the Vietnam War.

Don studied theology at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, where he received his Bachelors. He went on to receive his Masters at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. During his college years, spent a summer in the Philippines in a traveling music ministry. Years later, a friend introduced Don to a lovely young lady, Paula, who happened to have also spent time in the Philippines. The rest was history and the couple married on September 5, 1981, in Eureka, Ill. They spent over a decade pastoring and serving on the mission field before returning to the states, where Don worked as Computer Security Analyst for State Farm. After retiring in 2017, Don and Paula moved to Grinnell to be closer to family.

Don was a man of faith; spreading the word of God was his life's work. He was an ordained pastor and member of the Nazarene Church. He extended his ministry outside of the church through his missionary trips to Guam, Zambia, and Malawi. He thoroughly enjoyed his men's Bible Study Fellowship in Illinois.

Don will be remembered for his faithful, loving, and caring personality. He was a vocal L.A. Dodgers fan and enjoyed music, golfing, traveling, and reading.

Don is survived by his wife, Paula; daughters, Becky (Jonathan) Nance and Debbie (Tim) Mason; grandchildren, Elin, Coelle and Cali Nance, and Josie, Layna and Ellie Mason. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Mary and JeanAnne Bard.

