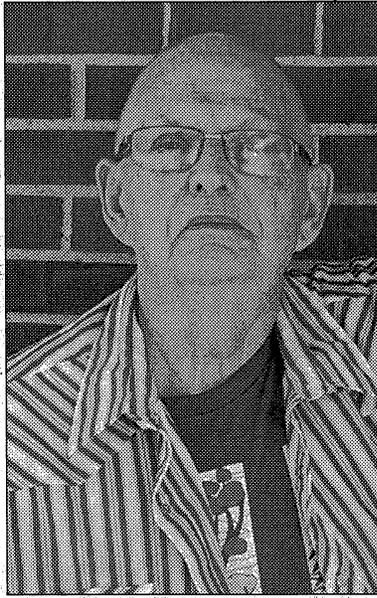


Robert LeRoy Myren ^{64-R} 4-15-2024



Robert LeRoy Myren, 83, of Grinnell, Iowa, passed away on April 6, 2024, surrounded by family at the Mayflower homes in Grinnell.

Bob was born on March 21, 1941, to Irvineus Sylvester and Mary Catherine (Graves) Myren in Sioux City, Iowa. He graduated from Maquoketa High School in 1960. He then earned a BA in Elementary Education at Lakeland College in Wisconsin. Bob taught elementary school, moved to New York as a buyer for Kinney's Shoes, then came back to Iowa to teach. In 1973, Bob came home and announced he was called to change his life. He started Dubuque Seminary and earned a Master's of

Divinity degree. Bob led congregations in Potosi, Wisc., Sibley, Iowa, Clarksville, Iowa, the Cheyenne Reservation, Davenport, Iowa, and Nashua, Iowa. He retired after 45 years in the ministry. He and Linda moved to Grinnell in 2017.

On June 4, 1961, Bob was married to Linda Holtz at First Lutheran Church in Maquoketa, Iowa. They were proud parents of Steven, Lori, David and Bobbi Jo.

Bob enjoyed music, singing, camping, clowning, swimming, cooking, playing cards and socializing. He loved being with his grandchildren. Bob was known for being handy with tools and having a versatile set of skills. He and Linda built their own home, from plumbing and electrical work to refinishing fine woodwork.

Bob adapted well to new situations, loved every job he ever held, and really cared about everyone. He cried easily, readily offered praise, and taught his family that caring about others is the primary responsibility of every human.

Bob is survived by his wife Linda; his children, the Rev. Steven (Robin) Myren of Pennsburg, PA; Dr. Lori (Ray Caron) Myren-Manbeck of Saint Louis Park, MN; David (Sharon Doerre) Myren of Austin, TX, and Bobbi Jo (Jim) Boggs of Gilman, Iowa; grandchildren, Emily (Sam Runyan) Gomez, Andy (Britt) Myren, Katherine Myren-Manbeck, Adrienne Myren-Manbeck, Alexander Myren, Raiya Myren, William Myren, and Tiernan Boggs; five great grandchildren; and a brother, Richard "Dick" (Sandy) Myren.

Robert is predeceased by his parents. Memorials will go to Re-Member (<https://www.re-member.org/>), in honor of Bob and Linda's year as pastors on the Upper Cheyenne Reservation, and can be mailed in c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112; mailed to the family (Linda Myren, 610 Broad Street, Apt. E9, Grinnell, IA 50112); or sent directly through this link (<https://www.re-member.org/memorial-gift>). Re-member's Mission Statement: Responding to immediate needs, we provide resources that improve the quality of life for members of the Oglala Lakota Nation, and create meaningful opportunities to build understanding for our volunteers.

A celebration will be held at Grinnell United Church of Christ in Grinnell, Iowa, on Saturday, July 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bob's favorite foods will be served and a short, informal program will be held at 2:00 p.m. At Bob's request, everyone is invited to laugh, hug, pray, sing, share their favorite stories, and celebrate his life.