



Rev. Allen M. Humes

July 17, 1934 - October 4, 2023

The Reverend Allen M. Humes, 89, of Keene, NH, passed on to new adventures on October 4, 2023. Born and raised in West Hartford, CT, he was the son of E. Milton and Edith Humes. After graduating from Hall High School in West Hartford, Allen earned his B.A. degree from Earlham College in Richmond, IN, and his B.D. from Hartford Theological Seminary. While at Earlham, he met the love of his life, Rosalind Williams. They exchanged vows at the Poughkeepsie Friends Meeting on November 28, 1958, and Roz remained “a true blessing” for over 64 years.

Allen was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1959 and thoroughly enjoyed a rich life of ministry to others. After ordination, he became Minister of Christian Education at the First Congregational Church of Glastonbury, CT. In 1962, he was called to the First Congregational Church in Deep River, CT, where he enjoyed a seventeen-year pastorate. His great influence on the Deep River congregation and community led to a proclamation of “Allen Humes Day” upon his departure in 1979. That year, he was called to the historic Kensington Congregational Church in Kensington, CT, where he was blessed with another seventeen-year pastorate and later was named their beloved Pastor Emeritus. Upon retirement, Allen and Roz moved to the post and beam home which they built in Winchester, NH. While there, Allen continued to serve as interim or guest pastor in several area churches throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. In 2019 they moved to Hillside (Covenant) Village in Keene, NH, while still enjoying the winter months in

North Port, FL.

Allen was always a champion for social justice and peace. In 1963, amid the civil rights movement, Allen participated in the famous March on Washington with the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While in Kensington, his advocacy for inclusion and equality was put into action by establishing sister-church relationships with the Pan de Vida congregation in Jayaque, El Salvador and the Spottswood A.M.E. Zion Church in New Britain, CT.

Allen loved the adventure of travel. Early on, he and Roz purchased a sixteen-foot travel trailer, and each year embarked on a month-long vacation to a different part of our country. In 1973, the family of five traveled in a VW bus, visiting thirteen countries throughout Europe as part of a five-month sabbatical. A highlight of Allen's retirement was the cruises he took as a Protestant Minister with Holland America Cruise Lines, spanning more than thirty years. Allen and Roz traveled all over the world on voyages of ten to eighty days. This brought them to every continent at least twice. Perhaps his favorite spot was beautiful Antarctica. In his lifetime, he touched all fifty states, the last being Mississippi, where he participated in a work camp trip following Hurricane Katrina.

His other joys in life included salt-water fishing, vegetable gardening, and playing cards (especially bridge). Music was an essential part of his life, appreciating genres from bluegrass to classical. Allen was an avid sports fan, rooting for the Boston Red Sox and UConn Women Huskies basketball teams. He felt fortunate to have attended ten Men's and Women's NCAA Final Four contests. Allen is survived by his loving wife Roz; their three children, Gary Humes and his wife Diana of Corning, NY; Brian Humes and his wife Cori of Kensington, CT; and Wendy (Humes) Mill and her husband Donald of Old Saybrook, CT. He also leaves four grandchildren, Kelly (Humes) Nanavati and her husband Ankit of Greensboro, NC; Steven Humes and his wife Colleen of Haddon Heights, NJ; Kathryn Mill and Andrew Mill of Montreal, Canada as well as great grandchildren, step-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and generations of extended family who were all very dear to him.

Allen was predeceased by his parents and only sibling, Shirley (Humes) Benton of Richmond, IN.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Kensington Congregational Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4, 2023. A Service of Christian Committal will be held at the Deep River Congregational Church at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023, which will precede his burial at the Deep River Congregational Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to memorialize Allen may send contributions to the Allen & Rosalind Humes Humanitarian Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain, 74 Vine Street, New Britain, CT, 06052 or to the Kensington Congregational Church, 312 Percival Ave., Kensington CT, 06037. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, CT is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kensington Congregational Church
312 Percival Avenue
Kensington, CT 06037

Tribute Wall

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“ Al is my cousin and we grew up together, our mothers were sisters so we spent all of holidays together. Shirley passed away early, I was 13 days older. I think Al was the first Boy Scouts to earn the God and country award .Love you Al .

Glen Swift - November 04, 2023 at 04:37 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I will always treasure the memories of the times I knew Allen and Roz and the children.

Barbara Fountain - November 02, 2023 at 03:52 PM



“ Although I never had the honor of meeting Rev. Humes, I know and love his daughter Wendy -- and I wish to express my sincere condolences to all his family on the occasion of his passing on to greater adventures in his heavenly home on high, although I know he will be dearly missed by his many friends and family!

Susan Origlia - October 24, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Rev. Allen M. Humes.



October 22, 2023 at 04:35 PM

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“ Allen Humes was my minister growing up. I spent most Sunday mornings looking up at him from a pew, and I never stopped looking up to him. He was thoughtful, kind, courageous and full of integrity. He challenged me to think about my capability to live and act by my values, and I credit him for helping me develop the parts of myself I am most proud of. He was by far one of the most influential people in my life. He retired and I moved but we never lost touch. When Tim and I got engaged, he and his equally amazing wife welcomed us to their home to discuss our plans for our life together. The following year they drove to New York where Mr. Humes officiated our wedding. For many years, we had the pleasure of an annual summer visit in Rhode Island. My heart is heavy with his passing, but full of gratitude for having him in my life. Rest in peace Mr. Humes, you were truly remarkable.

Allison Hall - October 20, 2023 at 05:45 PM

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“ I'm sorry to hear that Rev. Humes has passed. I send my sympathies to my former classmate Gary and to the entire family. My experience with Rev. Humes him was primarily as a participant in the Deep River Congregational Church youth group. He was a caring and kind leader and let us have lots of fun too!

Nancy Sarro - October 15, 2023 at 08:28 PM

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“*Rev. Humes welcomed me into the Deep River Congregational Church Pilgrim Fellowship even though I was not a member of any church, nor a resident of the town. He lead us by example. He showed us compassion and understanding. He listened and respected our adolescent concerns. I never felt that religion was being forced upon me. Now as an adult I realize he taught me more about what it is to be a Christian than any Bible class or years attending church could ever do.*

Cathy Elliott Huneke

Cathy Huneke - October 15, 2023 at 08:18 PM