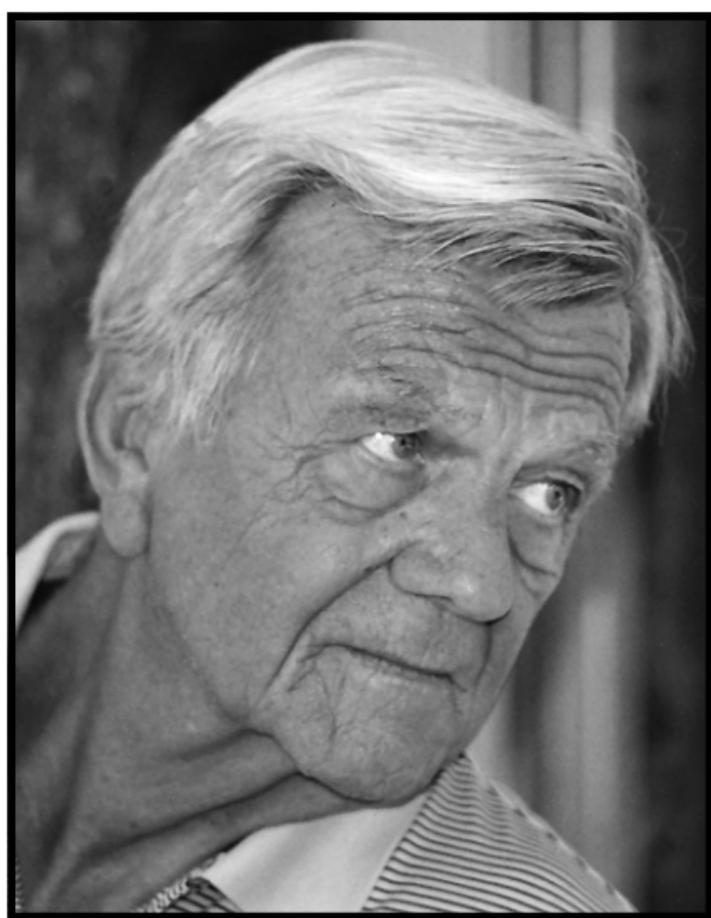


Reverend Edwin H. Grant Jr.



July 5, 1929 – January 22, 2009

He was born to Marion and Edwin H. Grant Sr., in Wilmore, Kentucky. Ed graduated from Asbury College and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. He met Roberta J. Middleton, "Bobby," fell in love and married on September 1, 1950. They had four children, all boys, Edwin III, Timothy, Mark and Daniel.

He will be remembered as a strong family man who loved his children: Edwin III (Diane), Timothy (Nannette), Mark and Daniel; Grandchildren: Edwin IV, Jeff, Becky, Nicole, Debbie, Ryan, Kyle, Catherine, Melissa, Daniel and Blake; Great Grand children: Jack, Faith, Edwin V and Carly. Ed is survived by his brother Don and his sister Marcheta while his brother Stewart, his mother and father and his beloved Bobby are now with him in Heaven.

Ed's lifelong commitment to the ministry saw him serving at churches starting at the age of 17. He ministered all over the country including Northern Indiana, New Paris, Butler, and Alexandria, Indiana. He also served in Fullerton, CA and throughout out Arizona in churches in Tempe, Fountain Hills, and Kearny. Ed was awarded various accolades and proclamations throughout his career including Man of the Year and Distinguished Service Awards. One of his proudest achievements was over 29 years of sobriety and the opportunity that gave him to minister to others. In the tradition of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, he enjoyed ministering to others more than anything in life.

He was well known for and took great pride in developing Christian based ministries centered around art and music with a special emphasis on Jazz. He started The Inspiration Coffee House in Fountain Hills and the Butterfly Garden in Kearny as a means to reach out to people that traditional Churches were not reaching.

Ed's passions beyond the ministry were centered on his reading and writing. He was a prolific writer and authored many articles, books of Poems and reflective papers. He loved being by the ocean and the mountains and anywhere where he most deeply felt the presence of the Lord.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations go to the Roberta and Edwin Grant, Jr. Scholarship Fund at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill 60201. Edwin's life will be celebrated and remembered in a Celebration of Life at The Fountains United Methodist Church 15300 N. Fountain Hills Blvd in Fountain Hills, AZ. Phone 480-837-7627. The Celebration will be held on Wednesday, January 28th at 2 pm.