

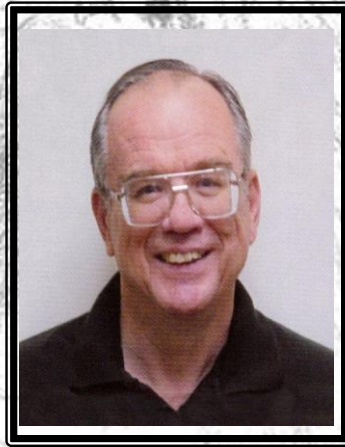


IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Lawrence “Larry” Richard Krueger

October 18, 1946 - June 3, 2021



The Right Reverend Dr. Lawrence Richard Krueger, better known as “Larry,” was born the eldest child of Lawrence Owen and Arleta (McCord) Krueger Oct. 18, 1946 in Enid, OK. His childhood was spent in NE Oklahoma as his father served several churches in the area through the years. He graduated from Midwest City High School, Midwest City, OK in 1964.

He met Anita Grace Fuss at Phillips University in Enid, OK. They were married August 19, 1967. Their children, Lee, Amy Grace and Timothy were all born in Enid. Spirituality, prayer, and service were foundational to Larry’s life and ministry. He received a BA from PU in 1968 and his M Div from Phillips Seminary in 1979. Student churches were Elm Flat Christian Church [CC] and Camargo CC in OK, and Conway Springs CC in KS. He was ordained into the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at Christ United Methodist Church, Enid, in a very ecumenical service on May 6, 1979. He then served First Christian Church, Nowata, OK.

He moved the family (including his milking goat, Nanny Sue) to Dexter, NM in Oct. 1981. He served Dexter & Aldersgate, Roswell United Methodist Churches. His ordination was transferred to the New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church [UMC] in May, 1985.

He then was pastor of St. Paul UMC, Socorro NM and led the Wesley Student Ministry at NM Institute of Mining and Technology. A highlight of his Socorro ministry was officiating at a Prayer Service honoring St. Luke at San Miguel Catholic Church where he blessed the hands of health care personnel, including those of the Jewish physician. He was named “Man of the Year” by Socorro Chamber of Commerce in 1990.

He served Bethel UMC in Moriarty, NM, instituting the Stephen Ministry program, and was active in Promise Keepers. He served FUMC, Ft. Stockton, TX, and Crane FUMC and Grandfalls Union Church, also in TX. He became chaplain at Landsun Homes Continuing Care Community, Carlsbad, NM until retirement in 2012. He was called out of retirement to serve Mt. Sinai UMC in Carlsbad.

In every place he served, Larry was actively involved in the community. He was a member of the Downtown Lions Club, finding the Kids’ Eyesight program especially meaningful, and enjoyed being flag boss, coordination getting the flags out for national holidays.