

## **GILMER, Rev. William "Bill" Ernest**

Rev. William (Bill) Ernest Gilmer, 95, of Saskatoon, SK, passed away peacefully on September 16, 2019 in Saskatoon, SK. A funeral service will be held at St. Thomas Wesley United Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 21, 2019 with Rev. Vicki Obedkoff officiating. A social gathering will follow.

Bill was born on November 18, 1923 in Woodrow SK. He left the farm to attend the University of Saskatchewan and Oberlin College, obtaining degrees in Agriculture and Divinity. In 1948 he married his sweetheart Dorothy Clarke. Over the next 71 years they lived in Ceylon, Oberlin (Ohio), Wilkie, Assiniboia, Melfort, Swift Current, Thode and Saskatoon.

Bill was ordained in The United Church of Canada in 1951, and served until 1995, meeting a significant percentage of the population of Saskatchewan. Steeped in the social gospel, Bill combined a gentle pastoral presence with a passion for social justice. Bill told a great joke and was known for his laugh. He had a love of gardening, sailing, euchre and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

Bill was predeceased by parents John and Lily, sisters Verna, Margaret and Dorothy and grandson Peter Poorman. Left to cherish Bill's memory are his loving wife Dorothy, children Susan (Dave), Jack (Julie) and Peter (Pearl), grandchildren Sarah (Trevor), Alice (Andrew), Louise (Jim), Anna, and great-grandchildren Ellis, Malcolm and Torin.

Special thanks to the staff at Luther Special Care Home for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity or cause of your choice.