



Rev Dr Paul O Boger Sr.

October 28, 1940 - September 2, 2021

Rev. Dr. Paul O. Boger, Sr., 80 of Montclair NJ, passed away surrounded by his family on September 2, 2021. Paul was born to Eleanor DuBois and Otto John Boger on October 28, 1940. Paul was raised, and educated in Yonkers, NY. He graduated from Gorton High School in 1958. He received a B.A. from Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ (1962) and a Master of Divinity (1965) and Doctor of Ministry (1985) from the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. In June of 1965 he was ordained by the Presbytery of Hudson River of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). His pastoral ministry included service at: First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, OH (1965-1967), Otisville-Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, Otisville, NY (1967-1971), and Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, Bloomfield, NJ (1971-2002). He was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Newark in 2002, after which he served as part-time pastor for the United Presbyterian Church of Cedar Grove, NJ (2006-2019). Paul served as Chaplain/Staff person at Woodstock Music Festival, Bethel, NY 1969. For the Presbytery of Newark, NJ, he served as Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (1972-1974), Moderator of the Committee on Ministry (1974-1980), Moderator of the Presbytery (1980), Commissioner to the General Assembly (1980), and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Newark (2000 to 2006). At Bloomfield College, NJ, he served on the Board of Trustees (1978-1990), was Interim Chaplain (1984), founded the Interfaith Chaplaincy Program (1987-89) and co-founded the Interfaith Campus Ministry (1999). Paul published the Bloomfield College Alma Mater,

“Lux in Tenebris” (1982) and the hymns “O Give Thanks unto the Lord” (1975), “USA Bicentennial Hymn,” “Glory to God” (1977), and “O Word Who Was When All Began” (1978), all with William N. Simon, composer.. Paul published his book Being There: A Pastor at Woodstock, then, now and tomorrow in 2009 and was near completion of his second book, Everything is Connected: God is dead, Long live God at the time of his death. He received many recognitions: Outstanding Young Men of America (1973), Inducted into the Bloomfield College Hall of Fame (1995), President’s Recognition Award, Bloomfield College (NJ) 2002, and Andrew McElwee Award of Caldwell College (NJ) 2003. Paul is survived by his beloved wife Carolee Palmiotto Boger, three children Christine Walthers (Mark), Laura Lynn Boger, Paul, O. Boger, Jr., a stepson Christopher Adam Pescatore, four grandchildren Dylan Boger, Peter Granata, Hudson Walthers, Elaine Walthers, a sister Nancy Satore Gobel Jones, a brother Mark Boger (Anne), many beloved nieces and nephews, and his first wife Barbara Ewick. Paul was predeceased by his sister, Elaine Boger, in 1982 and his daughter Leanne Boger Granata in 2015. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green for sanctuary restoration.

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green
147 Broad Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Memorial Service

SEP 18. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ As you get older your childhood memories become more about the people who left a mark on you than your experiences. Reverend Boger was one of those people for me. He was this larger than life, sage man that kind of intimidated me and made me laugh at the same time. I remember how much he committed to character during the Haunted house in the church basement. I don't know what was scarier..his surprise scare tactics or realizing it was Mr. Boger doing the scaring! I still have the Bible the COG gave us as young kids, signed by Reverend Boger. I cherish it and the mark he left on me. Rest In Peace Reverend Boger.

Sharon Williams - September 18, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev Dr Paul O Boger Sr..



September 14, 2021 at 12:06 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Boger family for the loss of Paul. We always enjoyed his sermons. We attended Bible studies in his home and we participated in Youth programs where our children were also involved. It has been a blessing to have been a part of his flock. May his soul rest in peace. Much love
The Williams Family
Alexandria, Virginia.

Jacob and Jan Williams - September 14, 2021 at 07:54 AM

RL

“ Dear Boger family,
My condolences on the passing of Reverend Boger. On the occasions I had to meet and talk to him, he was extraordinarily welcoming and he exuded the warmth and humor for which so many knew him. His service on the Bloomfield College Board of Trustees before my arrival was a part of the foundation of that College that enabled it to continue its great mission of serving people of all ages in their aspirations to achieve greater knowledge and fulfillment in their lives. He is a part of my fondest memories of my years there.



Richard A. Levao
President emeritus
Bloomfield College
2003-2019

Rich Levao - September 12, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ Dear Boger family,

I remember Reverend Paul Boger's thoughtful sermons where he was often inspired by Charles Shultz's Peanuts characters. His sermons were filled with wit, whimsy and anecdotal charm that I looked forward to hearing. One Sunday, after the service, I expressed to him that I appreciated his sermons, With characteristic humility, he briefly acknowledged my compliment, as if to say, "I am just the messenger relaying what God has inspired me to share with the congregation". He was far more than just a messenger, He was an inspired writer whose gifts will always be a part of the memories I share from those years growing up at BPCOG, I hold the Boger family in my prayers and wish you all God's peace at this time.

William Reed Simon

William Simon - September 10, 2021 at 02:09 PM

WS

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William Reed Simon - September 10, 2021 at 02:05 PM



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Van Tassel Funeral Home - September 03, 2021 at 08:28 AM