

THE REVEREND DONALD D. HAKE, JR.

July 1, 1950 - December 28, 2020

Donald D. Hake, Jr. of West Middlesex died and joined the Saints in Light on Monday, December 28, 2020, at UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. The son of Donald D. and Jeanne (Vogt) Hake, he was born in Erie, PA on July 1, 1950.

Donald was a 1968 graduate of Academy High School, Erie, PA and then enlisted in the United States Navy. Following an honorable discharge, he attended Penn State University, State College, PA and earned a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and Corrections, graduating in 1975.

Don completed a Master of Divinity degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) on June 7, 1980. Rev. Hake completed his second graduate program at Gannon University, Erie, earning a master's degree in counseling in 1986.

Pastor Hake served the following calls during his ministry:

St. Michael/United Rockville, Ford City	1980 - 1982
Bethesda Children's Home, Meadville	1982 - 1984
St. Paul's, Drakes Mills/St. Mark's, Waterford	1982 - 1988
Zion, Oil City/Mt. Zion, Tionesta	1989 - 1996
First, Ridgway/Maria, Dagus Mines	1996 - 2009
Holy Trinity, Hermitage	2009 - 2013

Throughout his ministry, and following his retirement in 2013, Pastor Hake served many other congregations of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod as an interim, emergency contact, or supply pastor.

An avid chess player, Don also enjoyed reading, listening to music, studying theology, and sharing God's love.

He is survived by a daughter, Catherine (Michael) Shaw; a son, Philip (Leslie) Hake; his fiancée, Rosie Ingraham; a sister, Barbara Polakowski; a brother, James (Bonnie) Hake; three grandchildren, Cora, Matthew, and Meadow Shaw; and his former wife, Susan (Arthur) Wolgarth.

A private funeral service was held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hermitage, on January 9, 2021 with the Rev. Michael L. Lozano, Bishop, presiding and the Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop Emeritus, preaching.