



Howard Ditrick

September 29, 1923 - June 18, 2015

Rev. Howard Willis Ditrick, 91, most recently of Henderson, Nev., went to be with the Lord on June 18, 2015, after living a long and full life, serving God in many ways.

He was born Sept. 29, 1923, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Allyn Leo and Errie Loomis Ditrick. Howard was preceded in death by Eleanor, his beloved wife of 57 years; his parents, Leo and Errie; and his brothers, Wayne Ditrick and Charles Ditrick.

Surviving are his daughters, Diane Ditrick (husband, Al Chess) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lori Ditrick-Hayes, of Longmont, Colo.

With his father being a railroad brakeman, as a young man, Howard enjoyed traveling around the country, which included hopping trains and seeing new places. While attending Ohio State University (OSU), he played the "effer" E Flat trumpet in the OSU Marching Band. He became known to his family and friends as "Ole Buckeye" as he continued on as an alumni member of the OSU marching band; and he always had buckeyes in his pocket, ready to give to everyone he met.

Howard was ordained in Columbus, Ohio, on June 22, 1952, after graduating from the College of the Bible. He later graduated from Lexington Theological

Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree.

He was involved in the ministry as a profession for 55 years, during which time he served as a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) minister in Warren, Ohio, Louisville, Ky., Falls Church, Va., and lastly, Kankakee and Bourbonnais. Howard retired in 1993 from Central Christian Church. He also served as an associate chaplain at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee for many years.

During his 40 years living in Kankakee, he served on the Red Cross board of directors, was a member of the Fellowship Group of Ministers and worked with both Triad Senior Citizens' Volunteer Group and S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together.) He also was a co-facilitator of the Prostate Cancer Survivors Group. While living in Nevada, he was able to minister to those who spoke with him on a daily basis by just being "Ole Buckeye."

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. service at Central Christian Church in Bourbonnais. A reception will immediately follow. Burial will be private. Howard will be laid to rest next to his wife, Eleanor in the Ditrick family plot at Sunset Memorial Park in Galloway, Ohio.

Memorials may be made to Central Christian Church for Blessings in a Backpack.

Please sign his guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Central Christian Church
310 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Funeral Service

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard Ditrick*

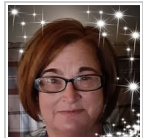
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“ *I am sorry that I cannot bet here, today. I knew Howard through my friendship of over 30 years with Eleanor. He was always so kind and gracious. I can see them walking together in Heaven with Chap, Rabbi and Brandy, the Little Lady. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Chris Van Der Karr

Chris Van Der Karr - June 27, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *Cindy Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Howard Ditrick*



Cindy Carpenter - June 26, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ *I just loved howard and elenor....I knew them through working at the love bookstore...they were so precious....howard always loved making people laugh and feel so t home and elenor was a jewel...I remember her being at my side once in the hospital and she was a gift of comfort to me...beautiful people. I will forever treasure having known them...love, patti*

Patti Hall - June 25, 2015 at 03:58 PM

PW

“ My husband, Pastor Guy Warke, was very good friends with Howard when he was a pastor at Central Christian in Bourbonnais. They were both chaplains at Riverside and would meet for lunch. We remember his many jokes and his friendly jovial personality. We enjoyed both Howard and Eleanor and the Christian impact they had on the community and all who knew them. Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss, but we know he is now with his Lord and his dear Eleanor.

Pastor Guy and Helen Warke

Pastor Guy and Helen Warke - June 24, 2015 at 08:33 PM

BN

“ We were colleagues in ministry with Howard and Eleanor and have pleasant memories of time together (1987-1997), laughing at jokes and hearing Howard's passion for Ohio State Buckeyes. We send our sympathy and prayers to Eleanor and daughters. Ben and Alta Newcomer

Benton Newcomer - June 24, 2015 at 12:57 PM

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“ SORKIN FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Howard Ditrick



SORKIN FAMILY - June 22, 2015 at 10:38 AM

SI

“ *Sister Inga lit a candle in memory of Howard Ditrick*



Sister Inga - June 21, 2015 at 10:54 PM