



Rev. Heather Graham

1949-2023

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Heather's family, friends, and community mourn her passing on September 16, 2023, at the Case Manor Care Community in Bobcaygeon. She was 74 years old. She leaves behind her spouse Bev Irwin, brother Terry, brother Bill (Dianne), niece Laurie (Mark), nephew Jason (Rayna), grand-nephews Mason and Brody, Bev's son Lane (Jan) and granddaughter Zoe, as well as many cousins, good friends, and a broad community of faith in both Saskatchewan and Ontario.

Heather grew up in the town of Semans, Saskatchewan, the youngest child of Norman and Catherine Graham and a little sister to brothers Terry and Bill. Her family ran the butcher shop in town, and Heather was active in the church from a young age. Following studies at the University of Saskatchewan,

Heather entered St. Andrew's College in 1983, met Bev in 1984, and received her Master of Divinity and was ordained in 1987. Her service with the United Church in Saskatchewan included time in Conquest, Swift Current, Gravelbourg, and at Saskatoon's Grace-Westminster United Church.

Heather and Bev moved to Ontario in 2001 and settled in Penetanguishene, where they made their home together until 2020. During that time, Heather was involved with Hospice Huronia, started her own counselling practice, and served the congregations of Midhurst and Wyevale-Waverly. She retired from ministry in 2018.

Many will remember Heather for her kindness, compassion, vitality, and generosity. As she herself wrote, "My greatest joy is in knowing that I made a difference in people's lives." Over the course of her life, Heather enjoyed camping, taking photographs, playing the banjo, writing poetry, fishing, gardening, and painting. She delighted in children and animals, in going for ice cream and listening to music. Together, she and Bev made a profound impact on the communities they both served, and Heather leaves behind countless beneficiaries of her care.

Details of a memorial service are forthcoming. In the meantime, donations in Heather's memory can be made to St. Paul's United Church in Midland, Hospice Huronia in Penetanguishene, and the Alzheimer Society of Canada. She'd also probably really appreciate you going for a walk to enjoy the fall colours and then stopping off somewhere for an ice cream.