



James Arther Kriewald Phd

August 4, 1940 - October 31, 2024

James A. Kriewald, PhD, 84, of Winchester-Frederick County, VA, died on October 31, 2024, as a result of injuries sustained in a single car and person accident on October 26, 2024. Dr. Kriewald (Jim) was born August 4, 1940, son of Hattie (Harriet) Florence Kriewald and Arthur Julius Kriewald, both deceased. He was raised in Platteville, Wisconsin. At age six he broke both wrists and began his musical training on the piano at that time, as therapy to strengthen his fingers. He soon began studying organ and eventually became one of the organists at the First Methodist Church in Platteville. As a youth he also played piano at the Christian Science Church. He later became the organist at the First Congregational Church in Lancaster, Wisconsin. After graduating from Platteville High School, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where he majored in vocal and instrumental music and minored in speech. He graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary and secondary education.

Jim continued his education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he earned a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance (1964) and a Doctorate (PhD) in 1968. During his time in Madison (1962-1970) he was Director of Music and organist at Madison's (Wisconsin) historic Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square. He was also the Director of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing women's chorus. From 1968-1970, Jim was also the Director of Youth at Grace Church.

In 1970, Dr. Kriewald accepted a position as professor at Shenandoah

Conservatory of Music, now Shenandoah University. On his first Sunday in Winchester, August of 1970, he attended church at Christ Episcopal Church where he later accepted the position of Organist and Director of Music and remained there through Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

In 1971 Dr. Kriewald he was named Acting Dean of Students and remained as Dean until 1983 when he left Shenandoah to join Educational Tour Consultants (ETC) as Vice President/Operations. While at ETC he and took students and adults around the world. In 1991 he returned to Shenandoah as Vice-President for International Programs where he was able to use the contacts he had made around the world to successfully develop Shenandoah's international program. Before retiring in 2008, he served as Vice-President for Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.

In 1974 Dr. Kriewald met Diedra Hanner, PhD, Chaplain and Professor of Religion at Shenandoah College. On July 16, 1977, they were married and began a unique life journey with both individual successes and intertwined paths. Diedra was the love of his life for 47 years. One of their most memorable journeys was moving to Kenya in 2007, to teach at the Kenya Methodist University (KeMU) in Meru, Kenya for a year.

Jim is survived by his wife Diedra and his genetic family including his sister Joan Faherty of Fountain Hills, Arizona; five nephews and nieces, David Faherty, Julie Spelman, Michael Faherty, Nancy Felker, and Jo Ellen Doerr. The Kriewalds also developed a kinship family that led to over 50 years of joy, support and endless memories. Their self-described "heart" family includes, Dr. Rick Leichtweis (Barry Hirsch, Esq.), Pamela Lamborne (Roger), the Rev. Glenn Miller (Carol), Tera Ritter (son Drake), Shiloh Roby, Dr. Alexander Waldie (Caitlin, son James, daughter Olivia), and Daniel Moody (Dr. David Fung), He is predeceased by Vernon Pipkin.

Funeral services will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester, VA, with the Rev. Glenn Miller officiating, on November 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. His remains will be buried during a private service in Mt. Hebron cemetery,

Winchester, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family request support of the James A. Kriewald Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Scholarship Fund. Gifts can be sent to Shenandoah University 1460 University Drive, Winchester, VA 22601.

Live streaming services for the funeral are available at <https://gracewin.org/livestream>. A recording of the service will be available at <https://www.youtube.com/@GraceLutheranVirginia/streams>

Previous Events

Service

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Lutheran Church
26 West Boscawen Street
Winchester, VA 22601

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Jim and I first met when I was about 13. I had gone to Shenandoah University for a youth retreat, and during one part of the weekend, the youth were introduced to the new pipe organ in Goodson Chapel. Jim played a couple of short pieces so we could hear what the instrument sounded like. At that moment, I fell in love with the instrument, and though I never became a very accomplished musician, I did develop a deep appreciation for the skill required for competent performance. Jim and his wife remained an important part in my youth and early adulthood, and were examples of the kind of person I should become. I am grateful for having the opportunity to interact with Jim. He will be missed.

Michael Resan - November 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

MF

“ My first flight in what would become a lifetime of flying around the world was with Uncle Jim. Knowing I had never flown before, Jim gave me the window seat. Then he gave the stewardess a package of bratwurst he had bought at the butcher shop in Belmont to put in the fridge. When we got to Virginia, Jim would treat his friends to those brats from Wisconsin, boiled in beer and then browned on the grill. When the plane rose above the clouds, I looked out the window. I had never seen a sky so dark blue. Jim smiled, knowing what this meant to me. I have remembered that first flight and that first seriously blue sky every time I have flown ever since.

The last time I saw Jim and Diedra on this side of the Atlantic was in Oxford on a Saturday afternoon in May 2014. They were leading a tour of various pilgrimage sites around England, the highlight of the tour that day being evensong at Christ Church Cathedral. Jim could not believe I had never been to evensong before, even though I was a tutor at Balliol College for a number of years and I had lived in England for quite a long time by then. After a late lunch at a pub on the High Street, we walked to the cathedral to meet the tour group. I sat on one side of Jim and Diedra sat on the other. Jim told me the boys of the cathedral choir would sing some of his favourite hymns that afternoon, pointing them out in the programme. Towards the end of the service, I saw Jim wiping a tear away. I asked him, as quietly as I could, if he was okay. It is just so beautiful, Jim said.

Michael Faherty - November 19, 2024 at 06:00 AM

CA

“ Jim was always a lovely friend to me and then to Angelo. He was warm, caring, kind, supportive of my singing and teaching, a very good man whom I shall miss knowing he is in the world. May he rest in peace, in the arms of God's love and joy. Charlotte & Ange Aiosa

Charlotte Aiosa - November 16, 2024 at 05:57 PM