

We treasure his legacy of service to his family, his church and community.

In lieu of flowers, gifts will be gratefully received in Mahlon's memory by the following organizations:

Mennonite Education Fund at First Mennonite Church

430 West 9th Avenue
Denver, CO 80204
www.fmcdenver.org

Columbine Chorale

2743 South Milwaukee St
Denver, CO 80210
www.columbinechoral.org

Jeffco Schools Foundation

581 Conference Place
Golden, CO 80401
www.jeffcoschoolsfoundation.org

Everyone is invited to the Community Center across the foyer for refreshments following the service and to visit with the family. Fruit pies were Mahlon's most favorite treat and he always requested one for his birthday.

The family sincerely thanks you for your presence and your many expressions of encouragement, support, and sympathy at this time. We offer deep appreciation to those who helped make this celebration possible.

Glenn Balzer, Pastor, First Mennonite Church

Vicky Mierau, Musician

Charlie Ferguson, Song Leader and Choir Director

Columbine Chorale Members under the direction of Brian Eichenberger

First Mennonite Church Choir Members

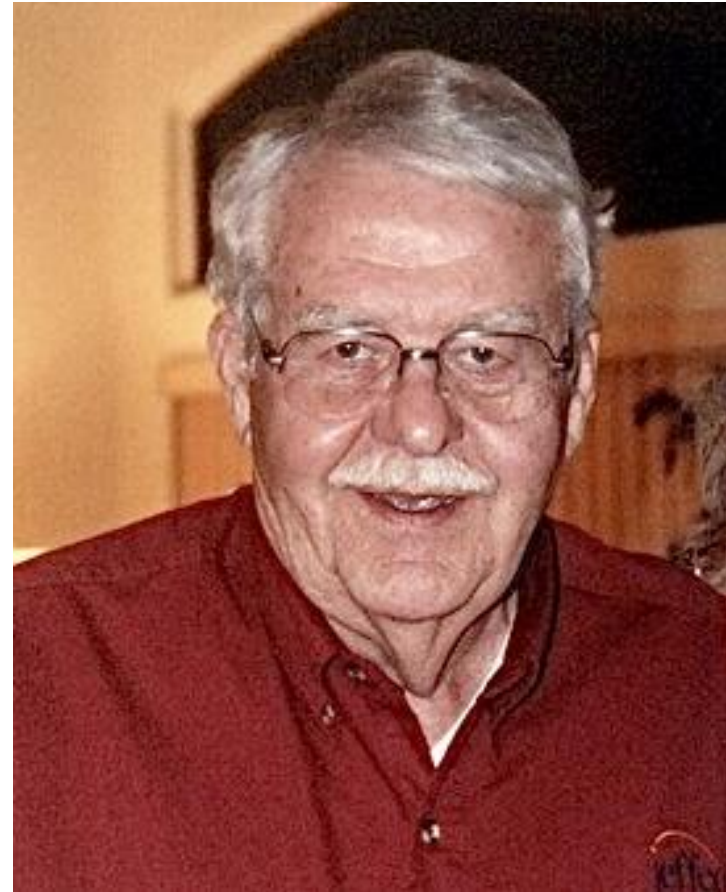
Addie Amstutz Yoder, Sister of Mahlon, Reader

Tristan Sommers, Son of Rita, Reader

Linda and Richard Wyse, Reception Coordinators

Steve Kandelind and Randy Friesen, Sound and Streaming

Del Preheim, Head Usher



Mahlon D. Amstutz

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Love

*Shelters, teaches,
Needs and shares,
Reaches, touches,
Always cares...*

Author unknown

Saturday, November 5, 2022
2:00 p.m.

First Mennonite Church of Denver

430 West 9th Avenue, Denver CO

Celebration of Life

Mahlon D. Amstutz

Gathering Music		Vicky Mierau
Prelude	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	Arr. D.N. Johnson
Welcome/ Invocation		Pastor Glenn Balzer
Hymn 182 (VT)	<i>I Sing The Mighty Power Of God</i>	Charlie Ferguson
Scripture	Psalm 100	Addie Yoder
Special Music	<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i> Combined choirs of FMC & Columbine Chorale	W.A. Mozart
Mahlon's Story		Lynn Amstutz & Rita Sommers
92 Years in Pictures		Lori Campbell & James Schreiner
Hymn 776 (VT)	<i>Teach Me Thy Truth</i>	Charlie Ferguson
Scripture	Psalm 26: 1-3	Tristan Sommers
Meditation		Pastor Glenn Balzer
Hymn 22 (HWB)	<i>Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now</i>	Charlie Ferguson
Benediction		Pastor Glenn Balzer
Postlude	<i>From God Shall Naught Divide Me</i>	Buxtehude

Life Story of Mahlon D. Amstutz

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Mahlon D. Amstutz, age 92, died peacefully in his sleep while in hospice care for multiple chronic health problems. We are extremely grateful for the compassionate care he received while living at the Manor on Marsten Lake in Littleton, an assisted living facility. Mahlon was a devoted husband, father and a dedicated educator in Jeffco Public Schools.

Mahlon was born November 5, 1929, in Kidron, Ohio, the 3rd child of Paul N. Amstutz and Esther (Bixler) Amstutz. Kidron was a small Swiss-German Mennonite/Amish community in North-Central Ohio. He attended a one room schoolhouse where he first learned English and then ultimately graduated from Dalton High School. After graduating from Goshen College and completing his alternative military service assigned to a PAX unit in Europe, Mahlon married Julia (Judy) R. Ebersole in 1956. They met at Goshen and were married for 57 rich years: years of service, growth, love and challenge. Together they raised four children and enjoyed six grandchildren. They also enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, volunteering, entertaining and participation in various music groups including the Columbine Chorale.

He began his teaching career, in Pueblo, CO where he taught for two years before attending graduate school at the University of Northern Colorado. The Amstutz's settled in Lakewood, CO where Mahlon taught at Lumberg Elementary and served as the principal at Eiber, Prospect Valley and Belmar Elementary Schools in Jefferson County for 28 years. He served with many professional organizations throughout his career. Mahlon was also self-employed as an independent painting contractor for many years. Following his retirement, he served on the Board of the Jeffco Schools Credit Union, participated in the mission and leadership of First Mennonite Church of Denver, and donated over 50 gallons of blood through Bonfil's Blood Center.

Mahlon was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Ivan and Clifford; and sister, Lillian Fox Gottshall; his wife Judy and son Rodney. He is survived by his sister Adeline Yoder (Addie) and sister-in-law Ruth Amstutz; his daughters Lynn Amstutz (Charlie Ferguson), Lori Campbell, and Rita Sommers; daughter-in-law Beatrix Schowalter Amstutz; grandchildren Phillip and Frederick Amstutz, Cara and Bethany Ferguson, Sarah Campbell, and Tristan Sommers; his great grandchild Harlan Amstutz and many nieces and nephews.

