

Richard Arden Slotter, age 90, died on Tuesday, July 5, 2022, in his home at Wind Crest Retirement Community, Highlands Ranch, CO. He survived his sister Phyllis Yoder and is survived by his wife Joan (Gratz) Slotter of nearly 68 years and their three children, Susan Slotter of Santa Fe, NM, Sharon (Slotter) Gordon of Loveland, CO and Steven (Ann Rosewall) Slotter of Castle Pines, CO; two sisters, Margaret Groesbeck of Peterborough, NH and JoAnn Yukman of Medina, OH, his brother John Slotter of Old Chatham, NY; twin grandchildren, Geoffrey Gaspord of Chicago, IL and Bryan (Joelle) Gaspord of Ft. Collins, CO; four great-grandchildren, Eric, David, Jonathan, and Emily Gaspord of Ft. Collins, CO. Born in Souderton, PA, he was the son of John Franklin and Elsie (Clymer) Slotter.

Arden graduated from Souderton High School, PA, and Bluffton College, OH, where he met and married Joan. After obtaining a doctorate degree in chemistry in 1958, from the University of Michigan, he and Joan returned to Bluffton where he taught in the Science Department at Bluffton College for six years. In 1964, Arden, Joan and their three young children moved to Istanbul, Turkey where he taught Chemistry at Robert College for seven years. During the summer months, the family travelled extensively in Europe with side trips to Israel, Egypt and Russia.

In 1971, the family returned to the United States for a one-year interim position at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA and in 1972 moved to Evanston, IL where Arden continued in academia at Northwestern University for fourteen years. In 1986, Arden and Joan found themselves in Bluffton, OH, where he again worked at Bluffton College as Dean for three years and Chemistry Professor for another eleven years. Their last move in 1999 brought Arden and Joan to the suburbs of Denver, CO, to be closer to their children.

In retirement Arden and Joan continued their travel adventures with extensive trips in their camper van, visiting friends, family and National Parks across the United States, also Canada and Alaska. They went on summer trips to Germany, France, Italy, England and Croatia accompanied by their son, Steve. Arden's free time was consumed with his favorite activities—playing the trombone, singing, dancing, and writing. He was active in gun violence prevention programs. Both Arden and Joan were members of First Mennonite Church of Denver for over twenty years.

Celebration of Life



Richard Arden Slotter

March 3, 1932 – July 5, 2022



Saturday, September 10, 2022
3:00 p.m.

First Mennonite Church of Denver
430 West 9th Avenue, Denver CO

Celebration of Life ***Arden Slotter***

Prelude	<i>How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place</i> <i>It is Well With My Soul</i> <i>O Power of Love</i> Romaine Anderson & Vicky Mierau	J. Brahms arr. H. Helvey
Welcome	Rev. Glenn Balzer	
Hymn	<i>My Life Flows On</i>	V.T. 605*
Scripture	Psalm 121	
Special Music	<i>The Prayer</i> Sara Michael & Matthew Eschliman	D. Foster
Speakers	Steve Slotter Tom Detwiler	
Special Music	<i>Pie Jesu</i> Sara Michael & Matthew Eschliman	A.L. Webber
Speaker	Rev. Glenn Balzer	
Special Music	<i>Bring Him Home</i> Doyle & Mary Jo Preheim	C. Schönberg
Scripture	Matthew 5:1-12	
Speaker	Rev. Ann Rosewall	
Hymn	<i>Praise God</i>	V.T. 70*
Benediction	Rev. Ann Rosewall	
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i> <i>Chorale (from Finlandia)</i> Romaine Anderson & Vicky Mierau	Beethoven J. Sibelius

* The Voices Together Hymnal is available at the door to the sanctuary. The music will also be projected on the sanctuary screen.



Leadership for this Service:

Pastor:	Rev. Glenn Balzer
Speakers:	Steve Slotter, son Susan Slotter, daughter Tom Detwiler, nephew Rev. Ann Rosewall, daughter-in-law
Musicians:	Romaine Anderson, pianist Vicky Mierau, organist Doyle Preheim, baritone Mary Jo Preheim, pianist Sara Michael, soprano Matthew Eschliman, tenor
Reception Photos:	Sharon Gordon, daughter
Audiovisual:	Nicole KandeLind
Usher Coordinator:	Brad Shelly
Guest Book:	Marylou Shelly

Thanks to Lola Hershberger and all who worked to prepare the reception following today's service.



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