



## Alva "Al" F. Hohl, Jr.

January 6, 1945 - March 17, 2023

Alva "Al" F. Hohl, Jr. 78, of North Manchester, passed away at 10:28 am Friday, March 17, 2023 at Timbercrest Senior Living Community, North Manchester, IN.

Al was born on January 6, 1945 in Burlington, IA, the Son of Alva F. Hohl, Sr. and Adeline (Dannenbring) Hohl. He graduated from Burlington High School, Burlington, IA, and was a graduate of Elmhurst College, BA, Eden Theological Seminary, MDiv, and United Theological Seminary, DMin. He married his first wife, Kathleen E. Hohl on August 23, 1969 in Bellwood, IL. She preceded him in death on December 10, 2013. Al then married Carole June (Hartle) Baker on October 17, 2015 in North Manchester, IN. She preceded him in death on October 28, 2022. Al was a Pastor in the United Church of Christ for 40 years before retiring. He served the parishes at First Congregational UCC in New Hampton and Ionia, IA, First Congregational UCC in Webster City, IA, Zion United Church of Christ in South Bend, IN, and First Congregational UCC in Sioux City, IA. Al was the Visitation Pastor at Clay United Methodist Church, South Bend, IN, and he was a Supply Preacher in retirement. Al was President of Webster City Kiwanis Club, and a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, Woodworkers Guild of America, and the Manchester Church of the Brethren. He enjoyed woodworking, writing, and singing in the Male Quartet, "Reverential Treatment" in South Bend. Al was also an Author, publishing "Picking Up the Pieces: When Faith and Culture Collide" and "The

Heart of Prayer: Seeking the Sure Reign of God".

Survivors include his Daughter, Carolyn E. (James ) Carpenter of South Bend, IN; Son, Nathan F. (Cindy) Hohl of Platte City, MO; Step-Daughter, Julie Ann Baker (Les) Brin of Wichita, KS; Step-Son, Sean Matthew (Brandi) Baker of Ft. Wayne, IN; Grandchildren, Timothy, Amanda, Charlotte, Olivia, and Nina; and his Three step-grandchildren, Alexis, Aiden, and Aria. Al is preceded in death by his First Wife, Kathleen E. Hohl; Wife, Carole June Baker, Father, Alva F. Hohl, Sr., Mother, Adeline M. Hohl, and Sister, Mary C. Steinmaus (Hohl).

No services will be held at this time

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Al to Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63119, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Alva "Al" F. Hohl, Jr.

# Tribute Wall

AY

“ Just read this in the Webster City paper and wanted to share. Sending love and condolences to Al's family. Al baptized me in Webster City in the 70s, and by pure coincidence, married my widowed grandmother and her childhood friend in Sioux City many years later. Al was such a positive spirit in so many people's lives, and we are so blessed to have known him!!



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**Allie Yungclas** - November 15, 2025 at 08:55 PM

SA

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Al has passed. Al baptized our three children when we were and First Congregational UCC in Sioux City. He was the main reason we enjoyed our UCC experience there so much. A wonderful, wise man. My wife Cathy passed away last September; I know she has rolled out the welcome mat for Al!

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**Scott Aalfs** - April 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM

KD

“ Carolyn and Nathan, Nancy and I send our condolences to you at the passing of your father and our friend. Al and I first met at a URC workshop - "Preparing for Lent" at Zion UCC. We sat across the table from each other, and as we talked, we found all kinds of connections that we didn't know we had. There is much more to share, perhaps in person and maybe we can recall experiences from Hoover Ave days..... I have cherished the friendship with your dad and always will. Grace and Peace to you. Kendall Dahlstrom (and Nancy)

Kendall Dahlstrom - April 27, 2023 at 01:48 PM

Jl

“ I was so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was a mentor to me when I began serving my first church in South Bend. We were part of a clergy group that met weekly, shared Lenten services, and shared the stage with him during VBS skits. Our prayers for comfort and God's peace are with you.

James Iliff - April 20, 2023 at 09:52 AM

KL

“ I grew up with Al's son Nathan and they were almost like a 2nd family for me. AL was very kind and good natured and we had a great relationship. He will be missed and his family is in my thoughts.

Keith Lewis - April 12, 2023 at 10:33 PM

IW

“ I join my classmates in extending my love for the Hohl families. He was not only my classmate but also my friend. He is missed

Ira Williams - March 28, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Al. In the last several months I got to know him better and so enjoyed time we spent with him! He was a very talented person in many ways and was a wonderful husband to my Aunt Carole! Peace be with you all! Jenny Miller

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**Jenny Miller** - March 23, 2023 at 11:46 AM

MJ

“ sorry to learn of Al's passing. He was a great pastor, and friend. Always enjoyed my time with him. Max Jena

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**max jena** - March 23, 2023 at 08:50 AM

GI

“ Carolyn and Nathan,  
My family, Ginny and Bob Richardson, were parishioners at Zion United Church of Christ, South Bend when your dad was pastor and mom was active in guild, etc. They were both loved and respected by my folks. My condolences to you and your families and God bless you with wonderful memories of your parents.

*Gay Richardson Ingold, North Manchester, IN*

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**Gay Ingold** - March 22, 2023 at 02:29 PM

JL

“ Al was my friend since days at Elmhurst College, where we were classmates. We were also classmates at Eden Theological Seminary and thereafter colleagues in ministry in the United Church of Christ. Through the years we remained in touch and shared time together whenever the opportunity presented itself. He was a dedicated local church pastor, and I consider Al to be the most effective pastor of our graduating class from seminary. We last visited when Al and his spouse visited Florida about three years ago, when he gave me a signed copy of his book, "The Heart of Prayer," as a gift of friendship. We have often been in touch via telephone when distance was too great to come together. To his daughter and son I say that your father was a man of integrity, compassion, and is to be remembered fondly as such. He spoke with me often of his love for each of you and of your mother. I will miss contacts with Al, and I will remember him fondly. Jim Langdoc...Clermont, Florida.

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**James A Langdoc** - March 21, 2023 at 08:16 PM

JK

“ Pastor Al was my Pastor and my friend. His teaching was significant in my life!

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**John Kiernan** - March 21, 2023 at 05:29 PM

DT

“ We loved Paster Al so much. Mike and Deb Timblin

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**Debrah F Timblin** - March 21, 2023 at 05:14 PM