



**OPEN HEARTS**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# David Gay

passed into  
**ETERNAL GLORY**  
November 24, 2024

Dear Members and Friends of Open Hearts United Methodist Church,

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of the passing of David Gay, who died on November 24, 2024. The memorial service will be held at Triune Mercy Center on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. A reception will follow.

We extend our Christian sympathy to family and friends of David, including his wife Audrey Gay. May perpetual light shine on David and tender mercies surround his family.

To view the obituary, read below.



**David William Gay**, a loving father, devoted husband, and a beacon of hope for those in need, returned to the Lord on November 24, 2024. His life was defined by two words: laughter and service.

Born on May 1, 1944, in London, England, to William and Hettie Gay, David remained a proud Cockney throughout his life. As a boy, he was known for his charm, cheekiness, and remarkable grit. He put himself through night school to become a chemical engineer, and still found the time to embark on countless adventures around the UK with his mates. That same perseverance won the heart of Audrey Janet Shelley, who rebuffed his advances over and again

until finally relenting. Together, they adopted two children, Jane and Peter, emigrated to the United States, and built a home filled with laughter, adventure, and chocolate.

David brought joy to everyone he met, with a quick wit and an endless supply of stories. His

commitment to serving others was unwavering. Throughout his life, he tirelessly volunteered, and after "retirement" pioneered a transformative ministry at Triune Mercy Center. There, he advocated for the incarcerated, the addicted, and the impoverished, offering them second chances and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. His ceaseless love and unwavering belief in Jesus' commandment to "love thy neighbor" impacted thousands, making him a shining example of Christ's teachings.

Until they meet again, David leaves behind his wife Audrey, daughter Jane and her son Drew, as well as son Peter and his wife Emi.

A memorial service will be held at **3 p.m. on December 6 at Triune Mercy Center** in downtown Greenville. In lieu of flowers, David would have appreciated donations to the church—whether money, goods, or, better yet, your time. His family hopes his example will inspire others to embrace love and extend respect and care not only to those in their own circles but also to those society has overlooked.

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*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:38-39*

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