



H. Howard Frisinger II

January 5, 2018

Howard was born on February 28, 1933 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He grew up in Ann Arbor and attended the University of Michigan, earning four degrees, including a Doctorate in Mathematics in 1964. While a student at the University of Michigan, Howard met a nursing student, Mim Rinkevicz, at a summer school square dance in June 1953. Howard was immediately smitten. It took Mim a little longer. They were married August 14, 1954 at the Michigan Catholic Student Chapel. They shared 63 years of love which grew deeper with each year.

Following his graduation, Howard entered the Air Force as a second Lieutenant in July 1956. He was assigned to a SAC base in the Moroccan desert. His family of Mim and two young daughters, Lisa Marie and Cynthia Ann, accompanied Howard to this new and remote base. Howard served as a weather officer on base from January 1959 to September 1960. While serving, Mim gave birth to their son, Stephen Michael. In February of 1960, Howard was offered the highly sought after appointment to the Regular Air Force. Howard had seriously considered making a career in the Air Force, but he had a dream of becoming a college teacher, so he turned the offer down and left active duty in September 1960 to return with his family to Ann Arbor. He entered the graduate program in Mathematics at Michigan. Howard remained in the Air Force Ready Reserve from 1960 to 1964, and obtained the rank of captain.

Howard obtained his doctorate in Mathematics in December 1964. So, Howard and his family moved to Fort Collins, where his third daughter, Laura Ruth, was born. During his 35 years at Colorado State University, Howard was a member of many professional societies including: The American Mathematics Society, The American Meteorological Society, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the International History of Science Society.

Howard was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church on May 9, 1981, serving most of his ministry at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Collins. His greatest joy as a deacon occurred when he baptized four of his grandchildren and was the minister at each of his daughters' weddings. He is survived by his wife, Mim, daughter, Lisa (Doug), daughter, Cindy (Gregg), son, Steve (Kathleen) and daughter, Laura, his brother Joe, and six grandchildren.

Viewing will be held from 5-6:30 pm, Monday, January 8 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish, 5450 S Lemay Ave, Fort Collins, with Vespers taking place at 6:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am, Tuesday, January 9, also at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish. A luncheon will immediately follow the service, with interment at Grandview Cemetery in the afternoon.

In lieu of flowers, please do something kind for a stranger in memory of Howard.

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
5450 South Lemay Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
seas@seas-parish.org
<http://seas-parish.org/>

Prayer Service

JAN 8. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *H. Howard Frisinger II*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Frisinger Family,*

I was a student of Dr. Frisinger's at CSU in the early 90s. I was a business major and was struggling a bit in his Calculus course. I was not doing so great on the exams as I had terrible test anxiety at the time and considered myself "bad at math". I would go in for help periodically and he was always very kind and patient. As we neared the end of the course, I became very stressed about the upcoming cumulative final, and he told me whatever grade I got on the final could be my final grade. In the weeks that came I went to his office several times to make sure I understood the concepts that I expected to be on the test and he patiently helped me when I needed it. I ended up scoring an "A" on the final and in the course. I stopped by after the class ended to thank him for all his time and help and he tried to talk me into minoring in mathematics! He was such a wonderful man and I am so sorry for your loss. If it helps, he made a permanent difference in my college career and my self-esteem as a young woman.

Samantha Booton

Samantha Booton - January 11, 2018 at 10:41 AM



“ We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mim, Lisa and Cynthia and families. Please know how much Deacon Howard met to us from his wonderful homilies to his caring for others that he shown when meeting or visiting with us. We were always elated when Deacon Howard got up to talk at Mass that we rated him between ourselves #1. Also, we enjoyed talking with him about his beloved Michigan.

Thank you for sharing him with us.

Brad and Sandy Wiggen

Sandy Wiggen - January 08, 2018 at 07:34 PM

DB

“ Mim & family - Howard was a humble, soft-spoken man who touched so many lives, including ours. As a deacon at SEAS we could not have asked for a more inspirational, spiritual leader. We were so honored to have Howard marry our two daughters Renee (Tom) and Kris (Mike). We loved him dearly. As Howard would say "GO BLUE".

Dave & Sharon Betters - January 08, 2018 at 05:33 PM

PB

“ Mim and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Deacon Howard was one of the first to welcome me to SEAS many years ago. He was a gentle loving soul who will be missed. Thank you for sharing him with me.
Paula Brown

Paula Brown - January 08, 2018 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of H. Howard Frisinger II.



January 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of H. Howard Frisinger II.



January 06, 2018 at 01:54 PM