

Jerry Alan Sharples
May 21, 1937 to August 10, 2002

Relationship to St. Andrew: Jerry was a member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church from 1969 to 1985. He sang tenor in the Choir, chaired several committees including the Council on Ministries and several financial drives. He taught both children and adult Sunday school classes. Jerry played on the St. Andrew softball team and was a member of several Koinania groups.

Family: Jerry and Margie Ruggles were married in Ohio on December 28, 1957. They had three children, Marilyn Stubbs (Husband Rob), Lucinda Walter (Husband Tim) and Stephen Sharples (Wife Kathy Bruce). There are nine grandchildren, Christen, Michael, Daniel and Andrew Stubbs; Ben and Peter Walter; and Anna, Reece and Seth Sharples.

Recognitions: Jerry worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture his entire career. After earning a PhD from Iowa State University, Ames Iowa and working in Washington D.C. for two years, he spent sixteen years as part of the Agricultural Economics Department at Purdue University. His major focus was Agricultural Trade Policy and this led to research in many countries. The Philippines, Egypt and Australia were of key interest to him. He was a member of the American Agricultural Economics Association and several related organizations. He also received several outstanding research recognitions and co-edited the book, "Imperfect Competition and Political Economy".

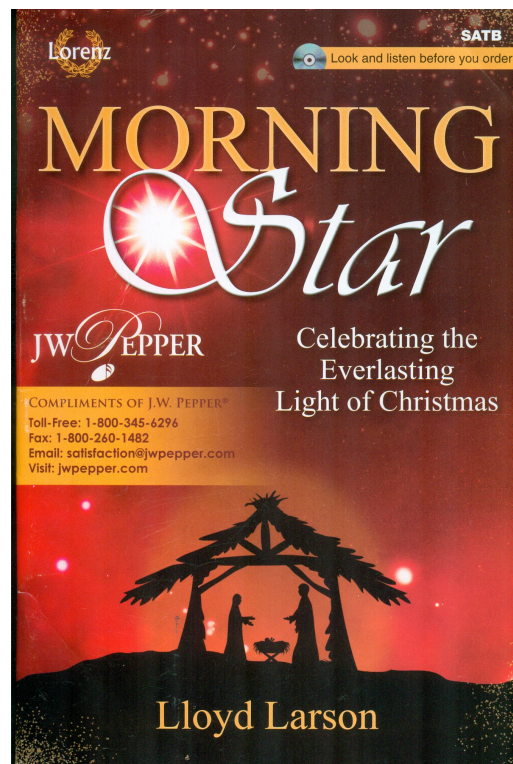
Jerry was a very healthy, energetic person who related well to young and old alike. His Christian beliefs were relatively simple: He believed that there was one God and that people could worship God in many ways depending on their own culture. He believed Jesus came to earth to help us better understand God and to teach us how to love. His entire life was a testimony to his accepting and living according to these following scriptures:

John 15:12: This is my commandment that you love one another.

Matthew 19:19: Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

Corinthians 13:13: ...and now abides faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Memorials: Gifts are designated for use by the music department at St. Andrew. Choral music has frequently been purchased for the choir with these funds and the music for the 2016 Christmas Cantata was also provided.



Music Cover for 2016 Christmas Cantata

Morning Star 17

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Example of Music for the 2016 Christmas Cantata

SCHOEDINGER NORTHWEST CHAPEL OBITUARY NOTICE

Jerry A. Sharples, age 65, of Columbus, Ohio died Saturday, August 10, 2002 at The Ohio State University Medical Center from complications related to a brain tumor. He was born May 21, 1937 in Lucas County, Ohio the son of Oshea and Bernice (Barnes) Sharples. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The Ohio State University and his PhD. from Iowa State University. After spending 16 years in the Department of Agriculture at Purdue University, he moved to Washington, D.C. where he worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture with an emphasis in Agricultural Trade Policy until his retirement in 1996. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he was active in the Chancel Choir. He was also a member of the Upper Arlington Silver Bears Softball Team. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Ross Sharples. Jerry is survived by his wife of 44 years, Marjorie Sharples; daughters and sons-in-law, Marilynn and Rob Stubbs of Indianapolis, IN and Cindy and Tim Walter of Austin, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Sharples and Kathy Bruce of Northville, MI; grandchildren, Christen, Michael, Daniel and Andrew Stubbs, Ben and Peter Walter, and Anna and Reece Sharples; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Dorothea Sharples of Indiana; sister, Joyce Smellie of Tucson, AZ; sister-in-law, Veryl Sharples of Swanton, OH; and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held 7:30 pm Thursday, August 15, 2002 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1220 Bethel Rd., where the family will receive friends prior to the service from 6-7:30 pm.

Rev. Thomas Keene will officiate. A graveside service will be held in Swanton, Ohio at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to: The Africa University Endowment Fund for Scholarships, Africa University Development Office, P.O. Box 34007, Nashville, TN 37203-0007; American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Road, Suite 146, Des Plaines, IL 60018; or to Bethel United Methodist Church, 1220 Bethel Rd., Columbus, OH 43220. .