



Donna M. Segrist

December 26, 1930-April 8, 2013

Allen E. Segrist

September 11, 1931 -July 24, 2018

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church:

Donna and Al were members of St. Andrew since conference designated a mission church should begin in 1967. This church was called Epworth Heights and met at Soller-Baker Funeral Home until national merger of Methodist and EUB Churches in Autumn 1968. The local church of St. Andrew evolved from merger of EUB church on Meridian Street with Epworth Heights mission church in late fall 1968.

Donna was a dedicated instructor for many years in the Christian Issues Adult Education class. She also served on the Worship Committee. Al helped teach the classes and was regular participant.

Family:

Donna and Al married in 1955.

Donna and Al are survived by three sons. Don Segrist and his wife Sharon live in Onstead, MI; Andy Segrist lives in Portland, OR; Kurt Segrist and wife Elizabeth live in Bend, OR. They had four grandchildren: Jim, Sam, Erin and Caitlin. They were

preceded in death by two children: Anne L. Segrist (Nov. 9, 1964-Nov. 23, 1966) and James William Segrist (April 4, 1961-August 27, 1978).

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests:

Donna graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1952.

She taught third grade in Dayton, OH 1952-53; second grade in Delta, OH 1953-55; first grade in Columbus, OH 1955-56; and finally kindergarten in West Lafayette Community Schools from 1981-1996.

Donna was a member of Delta Gamma sorority and helped with pre-school vision screening in the 70's. She was an alumna advisor for the Purdue Chapter from the 70's to 2010.

She served as a docent and Art Smart Indiana Instructor for the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette. She was named an outstanding volunteer. She also enjoyed participating in the Art League. Donna was a founding member of the Compassionate Friends Chapter and participated from 1981-2013.

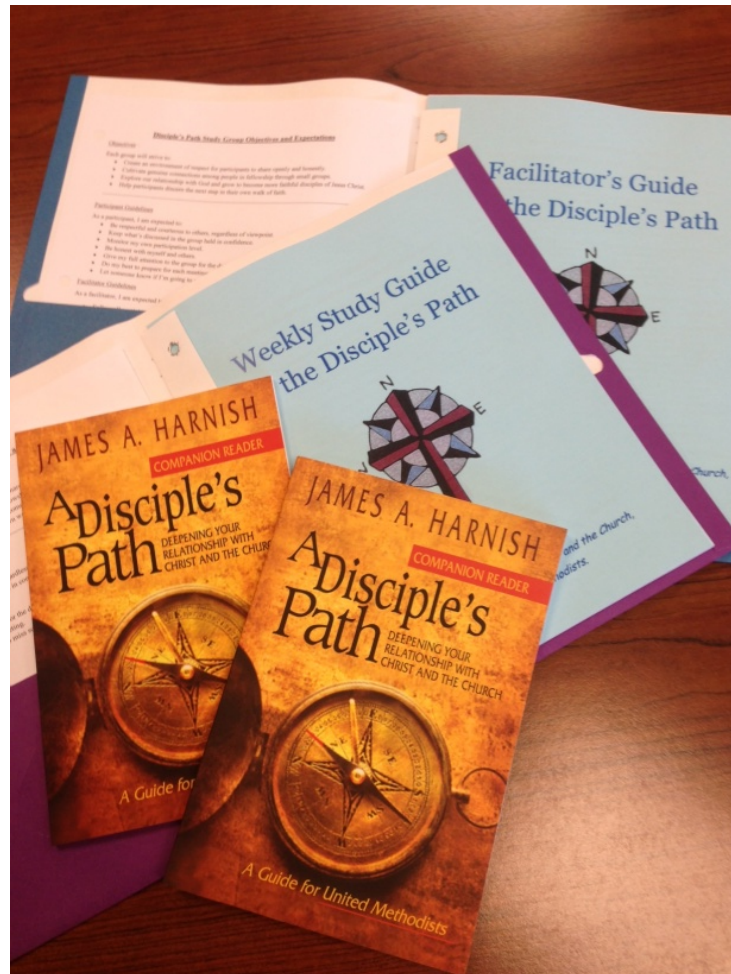
Al was born in Wauseon, Ohio and was the oldest of five children. He graduated from Miami University in Oxford, OH and was then drafted in the US Army. He served in South Korea and Japan. When he returned in 1955, he married Donna and then earned both a MEd and PhD in counseling education. He taught in Shaker Heights, OH before he began serving as a professor in the Counseling Education Dept. at Purdue University. He retired as Department Head in 1996.

Al loved people, teaching and valued building relationships. He was a pioneer in the counseling and self-awareness movement and was often called upon to lead workshops.

Al was involved with his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha, for over sixty years, serving as an advisor and member of their Foundation. He and Donna founded The Compassionate Friends of Greater Lafayette, serving families dealing with the loss of a child.

Use of Memorial Funds:

Adult Christian Education at St. Andrew. – Funds were used to purchase study books and educational materials for "The Disciple's Path" small group study for adults, conducted in 2016, in memory of Donna.



Donations made in memory of AI were used to purchase part of the technology and furniture items needed for the Online Campus Ministry launched in 2022.



Obituaries



Donna May Segrist, 82

Donna May Segrist, 82, West Lafayette died peaceably at home at 12:10 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2013, of complications related to her lengthy battle with Parkinson's disease. Donna was born December 26, 1930, in Wauseon, Ohio, to Donald K. and Esther Mettler Grisier. She married Allen Segrist on July 24, 1955, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Don (Sharon) Segrist, of Onstead, MI; Andy Segrist, of Portland, OR; and Kurt (Elizabeth) Segrist, of Bend, OR; two grandsons, Jim and Sam and two granddaughters, Erin and Caitlin; one sister, Nanette (John) Eckert, of Brookings, OR, and a large group of loving and devoted in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

One daughter, Anne Louise Segrist, and one son, James William Segrist preceded her in death.

Donna was raised in Wauseon, OH, and in 1948 was graduated from Wauseon High School. She went on to study at Ohio Wesleyan University. While there she became a member of Delta Gamma Sorority and was active in student government. She earned her B.A. in Elementary Education in 1952. At [Purdue University](#) she completed her M.S. in Education in 1981.

Donna taught school in Dayton, Delta, and Columbus, OH, before moving to Indiana. Her teaching career continued in the West Lafayette School System where she taught kindergarten for over a decade. She organized the original Greater Lafayette vision screening program and the toll-road for blindness in Lafayette. Donna had a life-long passion for learning. She was on the board of directors of the Indiana Society for Prevention of Blindness. On campus, she served as an advisor to the Purdue Delta Gamma chapter. At Saint Andrew United Methodist Church she taught Adult Study classes and was a member of the Creative Worship Committee.

She was involved in the arts programs of the community, performing four times in plays of The Lafayette Civic Theater. She also served as a docent at the Art Museum of Great Lafayette and volunteered in the ArtSmart education program with Tippecanoe County elementary school students.

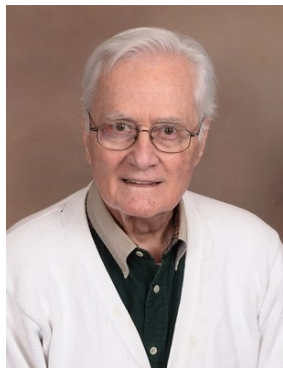
Donna was the Co-founder of The Compassionate Friends of Greater Lafayette, serving families of people who have lost a child. Her work with Compassionate Friends was far reaching and highly significant to her life and of great benefit to many families of the regional area.

She loved music, going to the movies, entertaining, and traveling. She entertained and taught young members of the family in their annual Shindig gatherings.

A memorial service for Donna will be held at 4:00pm, Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Saint Andrew United Methodist Church. From 2 to 4 p.m. friends may come to the Commons of St. Andrew to visit with the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Compassionate Friends-Greater Lafayette Chapter; Delta Gamma Foundation; St. Andrew United Methodist Church; or West Lafayette Schools Education Foundation. You may sign the guest book and leave memories at www.soller-baker.com.

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Dr. Allen Edward Segrist (1931 - 2018)

Dr. Allen Edward Segrist

West Lafayette - Dr. Allen Edward Segrist, 86, from West Lafayette, IN passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in his chair at his beloved cottage on Douglas Lake in Pellston, MI on July 24, 2018. Al was preceded in death by his wife, Donna May Segrist, one daughter, Anne Louise Segrist, and one son, James "Jim" William Segrist, Sister Jean Lou Rearick (Milt), Sister-in-law, Mim, and baby Brother William H. Segrist.

Surviving are three sons, Don (Sharon) Segrist of Onsted, MI; Andy Segrist of Portland, OR; and Kurt (Elizabeth) Segrist of Bend, OR; two grandsons, Jim and Sam and two granddaughters, Erin and Caitlin; one brother, Richard (Sandy) Segrist of Howard, OH ; one sister, Sue (Milton) Hollinger of Prairie Du Sac, WI; Sister-in-law Carol Segrist of Saugatuck, MI and a large group of loving and devoted in-laws cousins, nieces and nephews.

Al, known as "Sonny" in his childhood, was born on September 11, 1931 in Wauseon, OH to Clifford "Clif" Bayes Segrist and Dorothy Goodwin Segrist. Al was the oldest of their five children raised in Delta, OH. Al attended Delta High School where he had perfect attendance and graduated Valedictorian of his class in '49. He went on to Miami University in Oxford, OH where he joined Lambda Chi Alpha and earned his BA in '53. Al was then drafted into the US [Army](#) to serve in the [Korean War](#) where he spent two years in South Korea and Japan. Upon his return, he married Donna May Grisier Segrist on July 24, 1955 in Wauseon, OH. Al went on to earn both a MEd and PhD in Counseling Education from [Ohio State University](#).

Al taught at Ohio State and in Shaker Heights, OH before relocating to Indiana where he spent the majority of his adult life in the West Lafayette community. He was a professor in the Counseling Education Department at [Purdue University](#) for 30 years where he retired as the Department Head in 1996.

Al loved teaching and connecting with people. He was a member of various groups including

American Counseling Association, pioneering the forefront of the counseling and self-awareness movement. Al studied at Esalen and took every opportunity to craft his professional skills. He lead semi-annual workshops at the Purdue University A-frame and was always actively cultivating his craft which he enjoyed sharing widely. He was a gifted listener and lifelong learner. Al played golf, was a member of the [Elks Club](#), and connected and highly celebrated member of Lambda Chi Alpha for over sixty years where he served as a life-long advisor and was awarded to the Zeta-Upsilon Zeta Honor Roll at Lambda Chi Alpha on March 26 2011.

Al was a member of Saint Andrew United Methodist Church where he participated and taught in Adult Study classes. He was a supporter of the Lafayette Civic Theater and a Co-founder of The Compassionate Friends of Greater Lafayette, serving families dealing with the loss of a child.

Along with his love of golf, Al enjoyed card games and playing the piano. He liked traveling and attending arts and entertainment events. Each year, Al looked forward to summer to return to the lake of his childhood and also to attend - The Shindig - a weeklong family reunion formed in honor of his late son, Jim. Above all, Al was a devoted family man and placed the highest value on relationships. His most prized were with his late wife, his children, siblings, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Al was a teacher, a listener, and a consummate advisor. His loss leaves a giant hole in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

A celebratory memorial service for Al will be held on Saturday, September 29th at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette. Visitation at 10:00am, ceremony at 11:30 am, with lunch following.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following: Compassionate Friends - Greater Lafayette Chapter; Lambda Chi Alpha Foundation; Saint Andrew United Methodist Church
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