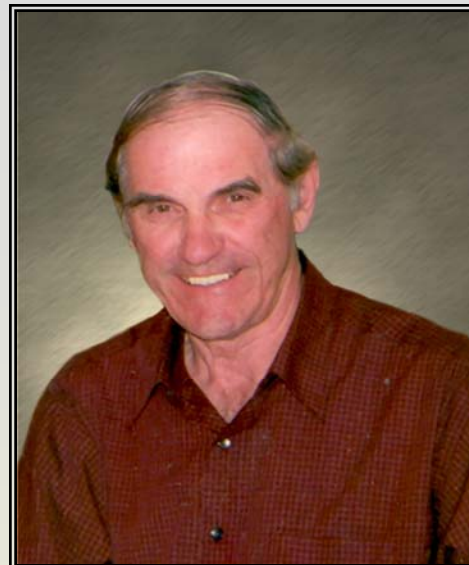


IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RONALD HAROLD ASMUS
September 22, 1940 – August 15, 2009



Ron was born on September 22, 1940 to Harold and Marjorie Asmus. He and his older brother, Richard, spent their growing-up years in St. Louis, Missouri. At the age of 11, he knelt at his great-aunt Alma's piano bench and gave his heart to Jesus.

A year out of high school, he entered Bethany Missionary Training Center where he met Sharon Johnson, daughter of founding members Morry and Bettye Johnson. Ron and Sharon were married in 1962 and joined the staff of Bethany Fellowship, where they served for 30 years. Ron's responsibilities at Bethany included supervising student workers in the building/maintenance department and designing and remodeling bookstores at several of Bethany's foreign mission locations. Later he moved to the College of Missions where he worked in student services.

Ron had a heart for young people and started a Boy Scout troop in the 1960s. This laid the foundation for the youth ministry he founded called ACTION, an acronym for Active Christian Teens In Our Neighborhood. Ron's creativity, spirit of adventure, and passion for changing lives shaped the ministry that was ACTION. However, he did not do this alone. There were many others in leadership such as Dick and Jan Easterday, and Jim and Diane Dahlen, who made ACTION a success. Besides weekly prayer meetings, the ACTION leaders brought kids to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area annually, held weekend retreats, spring banquets, Georgia work trips, and many other activities. Ron's family has been blessed to hear from many former ACTION kids that their lives were changed by being a part of this unique youth group.

Ron and Sharon together entered Bethel University's adult education program in the fall of 1990, earning BA degrees in 1992. This led to Ron's employment at Bethel, where he served for eighteen years, beginning as a student advisor and retiring in May 2009 as the Director of Student Services of CAPS/GS. He carried his heart for students to Bethel and always looked for ways to best serve them.

Ron savored his time with family. His daughters, son-in-law, and grandchildren were very close to him. They enjoyed Sunday afternoons together, and many camping and vacation trips.

Throughout his struggle with leukemia, Ron's faith in God never wavered. He had a positive spirit until his final day on earth. We were amazed by his emotional and spiritual strength and believe he was a testimony of God's grace to many. We thank God for the wonderful legacy he has left us.

PRECEDED BY
parents Harold and Marjorie Asmus

SURVIVED BY
Wife of 46 years, Sharon Johnson Asmus
Daughters Jennifer,
Rebecca and son-in-law Ben Hasselblad
Grandchildren Christina and Austin Asmus,
Natalie, Kari and Annika Hasselblad
Brother Richard (Jean) Asmus
and many relatives and friends.

A CELEBRATION
OF RON'S LIFE WILL BE HELD

1:00 PM Thursday, Aug. 20th, 2009
Bethany Church
6900 Auto Club Road
Bloomington, Minnesota
Visitation begins at Noon.
www.bethanytc.org

Graveside service
and fellowship to follow.

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