

Pastor Evelyn Taylor Haney

AKRON – Pastor Evelyn Taylor Haney, 73, Akron, passed away peacefully at 8:20 a.m. Friday, June 3, 2022.

She was born April 4, 1949, in Anápolis, Goiás, Brazil, on her beloved father's birthday. Daughter of Theodore Reichardt and M. Elizabeth Folsom Taylor, she grew up in Brazil with fond memories of going to the market with her Dad on horseback and playing with her siblings.



Her courage and zest for life introduced her to many adventures. She set up a photo lab in her apartment bathroom where she developed portraits of her family and friends. She taught high school English in Newark, N.J. She learned how to play the guitar. She took her family on a multi-country trip from Phoenix, Ariz., to Brazil traversing all of Latin America by bus. She drove a motorcycle. She enjoyed woodworking, restoring furniture and maintained a uniquely beautiful home for her family. She served on the board of a local credit union. She led mission trips to Zimbabwe, Brazil and Costa Rica.

From 1981 to 1989, she served as a missionary for the United Methodist Church in Recife, Northeast Brazil, along with her family. Her open-minded respect for life was welcomed as she ministered to many, acting as director of an elementary school and teaching Sunday school.

She was ordained as a minister in the United Methodist Church in 1996.

In June 1997, she met the love of her life, Kevin Haney, whom she married in June 2001. Before marrying Kevin, she served as minister at Beaver Dam UMC and Marquette Park United Methodist Church, Gary, and completed two more years as a missionary in Recife, Brazil.

After marrying dairy farmer Kevin, she was jurisdictional mission interpreter for the North Central Jurisdiction of the UMC for two years and then was called to serve the Claypool UMC until she retired. In retirement, she loved to spend time in her flower garden, be with her grandchildren and travel to visit family and loved ones in Brazil. Every summer, she and Kevin would take the grandkids to travel around Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois and loved taking the grandchildren to Holiday World Amusement Park. On her final trip, they took eight grandkids.

Her generosity of spirit and laughter will be missed.

Along with Kevin, Evelyn is survived by daughter, Rachael Bain-Chase (Redfox); son, Tedd Grain (Sarah); daughter, Nani Cain-Hergenroether (Jack); stepsons: Orville Haney, Barney Haney (Molly) and Jeremiah Haney (Rachel). She was blessed with 14 grandchildren: Gabriella, Katya, Keith, Claire, Levi, Idalina, Stella, Luca, Lyle, Lena, Hank, Hattie Pearl, Ruby Lynn and Henry. She's also survived by her sisters: Bettie Need (Rev. Ovid), Julia Gaines (Rev. Will), Suzan Codington (Rev. Herb), Rebecca de Oliveira; brother, Theodore Taylor Jr. (Wanderléia); sister-in-law, Kathy Leman (Scott); and mother-in-law, Julia Haney. Evelyn was preceded in death by her beloved parents.

A celebration of Evelyn's life will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 10 at the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. CR 1000S, Akron.

The interment will take place following the service in the Akron Cemetery, Akron.

Memorial visitation hours will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 9 at the Beaver Dam United Methodist Church, 9798 W. CR 1000S, Akron.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

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