



ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH

St. Alban's Says Farewell to Two Former Priests

We mourn the passing of two fine priests who served St. Alban's well over the course of four and a half decades. They attended Virginia Theological Seminary together, and in recent years they both lived, and shared good times together, at Goodwin House in Virginia.

The Rev'd Dr. Loren B. Mead, Priest Associate, 1995-2017

Loren Mead was a renowned and beloved figure in the Episcopal Church by the time he became our honorary associate rector in 1995. Born and raised in the segregated South, he worked for racial justice and reconciliation throughout his life. As a priest, educator, consultant, and author, Loren was a pioneer in congregational studies. After serving in several parishes, he founded and was first president of the Alban Institute, to bring methods of organization development and applied research to help congregations with conflict management, clergy stress and burnout, congregational change, and the personal, professional, and spiritual development of lay and clergy leaders. Its work continues today through Alban at Duke Divinity. In 1995 Loren joined us as honorary associate rector (succeeding the Rev'd, and then-U.S. Senator from Missouri, John Danforth, after his return home), in conducting our weekday communion service, providing pastoral care to parishioners unable to travel to church, and gracing many of us with his deep faith and gentle wisdom. And he was one heckofa preacher! Loren continued in this precious ministry even after the death of his beloved wife Polly, finally retiring only last year. Loren died on May 5, and his funeral service will be held as St. Alban's on Monday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. Please join his family in giving thanks for the life of this remarkable man.

The Rt. Rev'd A. Theodore Eastman, Rector, 1973-1982

Ted Eastman came to St. Alban's after pastoring around the globe as a cofounder of the Overseas Mission Society and serving as chaplain at the California state prison in Soledad. He served as our Rector during a period of turbulence in society and of major changes in the church. While at St. Alban's, he hired a female seminarian, the great Vienna Cobb Anderson, helping pave the way for the ordination of women beginning in 1976. He left us in 1982 to serve as bishop coadjutor, and then bishop, of the Diocese of Maryland until retiring in 1994. As bishop, Ted played a role as a "moderate progressive" in moving the Episcopal Church forward to honoring and, ultimately, recognizing gay unions. He died on April 26, and is survived by his wife Sarah. His funeral service will be held at the Washington National Cathedral on Monday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. Reception will follow in Satterlee Hall. The stone cross above our south transept door was dedicated to him.



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