

OBITUARY

Richard Dean Pflug of McKinney, Texas, a cherished husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away on January 31, 2025, at the age of 94. He was born on November 23, 1930, to Walter Henry Pflug and Alma (Bove) Pflug in Papillion, Nebraska.

A proud graduate of Panhandle High School in Panhandle, Texas, Class of 1946, Richard went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Colorado University. His academic achievements laid the foundation for a distinguished career dedicated to service. He proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. Richard had a notable career with the Texas Commission for the Blind, where he made a lasting impact on countless lives.

On May 29, 1954, Richard married the love of his life, Eunice Avon Patterson, in Lefors, Texas. Together, they built a life filled with love, faith, and cherished moments. Richard was a devoted member of First United Methodist Church of McKinney, where he contributed his time and spirit to those around him.

Richard is lovingly remembered by his wife, daughter, sibling and a wide circle of friends. He was a man of integrity, compassion, and unwavering faith, and his memory will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Eunice Pflug of McKinney, Texas; daughter, Susan Sorley, also of McKinney; brother, Jack Pflug of Aumsville, Oregon; and a host of other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and two sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to First United Methodist Church of McKinney, www.sharingtheheart.org; or The Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.



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Stephen Ministry
www.sharingtheheart.org/stephen-ministry

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Sharing the heart of Christ from the heart of McKinney

A Service of Remembrance Honoring the Life of Richard "Dick" Pflug

November 23, 1930 - January 31, 2025



February 12, 2025 ♦ 11:00 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

315 N. Church St. McKinney, TX 75069

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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE "Hymn of Promise"

*SEATING OF FAMILY

WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC "In the Garden"

WITNESS OF SCRIPTURE
John 14:1-7
I Thessalonians 4:13-14
I Corinthians 13

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WITNESS OF THE FAMILY

SPECIAL MUSIC "On the Wings of a Dove"

WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG

*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Cattle Call" Eddy Arnold

*Following the service, you are invited to greet the family
at a reception in Dyer Hall.*



LEADING THE SERVICE TODAY:
Dr. Thomas O. Brumett, Senior Pastor
Meg Calvin, soloist
Josh Brumett and Waverly Hammond, audio/visual

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

MY JOURNEY

My journey began in Omaha, Nebraska, November 23, 1930. I spent the first 6 years of my life on a farm around Papillion, Nebraska. Then the family (all 8 of us!!) moved to the Borger/Panhandle, Texas area, where I completed my early education.

Later on, I received a baseball pitching scholarship from Oklahoma State University. But before I could use the scholarship, the Korean war called. I joined the U.S. Air Force and served in Korea, attaining the rank of Airman First Class. I received 7 medals including the Commendation Medal and a letter and medal from the President of South Korea.

At all the schools, colleges, and in the military, I was a baseball pitcher and even played semi-pro baseball and was an All Star for U.S. Air Force. I coached later years in Little League and American League baseball in Amarillo and Lubbock.

The 2 most important events in my life were meeting and marrying Eunice Patterson on May 29, 1954, and then having our beautiful daughter, Susan, on June 29, 1955 (during our college days). While I was stationed in the military, Eunice and I corresponded by mail for about 5 months. We fell in love by correspondence! What a pen pal, right? I then proposed to her in the car, while my mother and brother were in the front seat.....and she said yes! We then had our first date and first kiss that night! It was a crazy courtship!!

I was fortunate to work at several companies during the early years of marriage. I completed my Bachelor's degree in Business. And then received my Master's degree in Education, both from Northern Colorado University. I then worked in education 6 years before going to work for the Texas State Commission for the Blind. I started there in 1965 as a Rehab Counselor. I was then promoted to Regional Director, covering half the State of Texas. I stayed with the Commission until retirement in 1989. I received numerous commendations and awards. But my real fulfillment was training the visually impaired and then seeing them blossom in the seeing world.

I loved to travel, plant flowers, feed birds, and animals. I belonged to the Methodist Church for over 70 years and taught Sunday School with Eunice as well as served in various capacities on boards for a variety of Methodist churches.

Well, my journey ended on January 31, 2025. I will, of course, miss my two girls and my numerous friends and remaining relatives. I have been truly blessed. I'm anxiously awaiting to meet my Savior. My journey ends now.....but just know that my soul is content and finally at rest. Hallelujah!

NOW LET'S CELEBRATE!!

The Ones that Carry On.....

I'm survived by: 1 loving, patient Wife Eunice Pflug

1 creative, funny Daughter Susan Sorley

1 Brother, 6 Nieces, and 9 Nephews

And an extra special acknowledgement to a talented young lady who promised to sing at my funeral 25 years ago when she was teenager. She came here from Kansas to fulfill an old man's request. Thank you and bless you, Meg Calvin.

Extra thank you's go out to my *Home Instead* and *Vitas Hospice* "extended family." Thank you for taking such good care of me during my last days. You made my journey end easier.