



Rev. Lee Monroe FerDon

February 5, 1942 - December 30, 2021

Lee Monroe FerDon, age 79, passed away December 30, 2021, in Valdosta, Georgia.

He lived in Madison County Florida for twenty-one years. He retired as Senior Pastor from First United Church Madison in 2006.

Lee was born in Dayton, Ohio on February 5, 1942, to John and Nellie Hall FerDon. He was educated in public schools until entering the United States Naval Reserve in 1959. After serving on active duty in Washington, D.C. he was mustered out in October of 1961. He relocated to Tampa Florida in 1965. In 1978, he married Karen Sue Buchanan from Atlanta, Georgia whom he met while attending the Port Tampa Baptist Church where they subsequently married. He was married previously and has four children: two stepsons, Paul Kendrick, and Benjamin (Linda) Mitchell and two children, Terri Lynn FerDon (John) and John Charles FerDon (Jamie.)

He was proud of his seven grandchildren, Kristy Mitchell, Brian Mitchell, Paul Mitchell III (Tabatha), Johnny Davis (Eva), Aimee Davis, Kaitlin FerDon and Amanda FerDon. He has seven great-grandchildren, Trey, and Joey Lee Davis of Dallas Texas, Elijah Hardwicke and Reagan Gonzalez of Arlington Texas, and Cayden, Gabriel and Maddox Mitchell of Port Richey, Florida, and one great-grandchild Berkley Davis of Texas.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida and his Master of Divinity Degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1987. In 1989 he was ordained as an Elder

in the United Methodist Church.

Reverend FerDon was past-president of the Madison Rotary Club and past-president of the Madison Lions Club. He served as chair of the United Way in Madison and the Madison Chapter of the Salvation Army. In the year 2000, he was Grand Prelate of the Knights Templar of Florida; he is 32-degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Madison Lodge No. 11 F& AM where he served as Chaplain. Pastor FerDon was a member in good standing of Marzuq Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. in Tallahassee, Florida and a lifetime member of the York Rite Bodies of Orlando, Florida.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service at First United Methodist Church of Valdosta, Georgia at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I've lived a while now (32 years!) since I worked for Pastor FerDon when he was a Pastor at Gray Memorial in Tallahassee and I can honestly say that he is one of the wisest and best people I have ever known. I learned a lot from him when I was younger about business, life, and being a Christian. Those lessons and memories have never left me. I can't say enough how much I admire him. To Karen and family I send my condolences as I know you will miss him very much.
Julie Goforth, Leesburg, Virginia.



Julie - January 04, 2022 at 07:34 PM

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He has often spoken of your time together and the times you helped him. The times your child blessed the older group that met at the church. Thank you for caring. Karen

Karen FerDon - March 07, 2022 at 03:36 PM

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Karen, Just saw this announcement. Keeping you in our prayers.
Franklin and Deborah McKown

Deborah McKown - March 09, 2023 at 07:35 PM