



Roger Tyrone Petrich

July 26, 1938 - October 6, 2022

IN MEMORY OF:

Roger Tyrone Petrich

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Roger Tyrone Petrich, age 84, of Dongola, passed away at 3:30 AM on October 6, 2022 at his residence.

He was born on July 26, 1938 to Arnold Friedrich and Cora Junetta (Torbenson) Petrich in Fargo, North Dakota. He married Laurel Matje on June 8, 1968, and she survives.

Roger was initially interested in architecture, he discovered music to be a better outlet of his creative expression, earning a Bachelor of Music, magna cum laud, from St Olaf College. Subsequent dedication earned a Master of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts, both from the University of Iowa. He studied music composition with the Pulitzer Prize winning American composer Leo Sowerby, and also with the German composer Ernst Pepping. Roger was among the first Fellows of the College of Church Musicians at the Washington

Cathedral and also studied at the Berlin School of Church Music.

Called to religious music, Roger spent five decades serving churches in Iowa, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Illinois, and North Carolina. His compositions have been published by Oxford University Press, Selah Publishing, Concordia, MorningStar Music, Augsburg, and Fortress Press. His music has been featured in recorded performances by the trumpeter Paul Neebe and the Slovak State Philharmonic Kosice.

Besides his wife, Laurel, he is survived by four sons, Erik (Donna Lewis) Petrich, Mikkel (Erna) Petrich, Karl Martin (Amanda) Petrich, and Kurt (Gretchin Emerick) Petrich; 3 grandchildren; a sister, Linda (Tom) Clifford; and several other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Arnold Petrich Jr., and several aunts and uncles.

The family will hold a memorial service at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Carbondale, IL at a later date. Inurnment will take place at Enderlin City Cemetery in Enderlin, ND.

Memorial contributions in honor of Roger may be made out to MSF/Doctors Without Borders and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Enderlin City Cemetery

Enderlin, ND

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Tyrone Petrich*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *And prayers for Mikkel as well.*

Paul Lewis - October 24, 2022 at 11:48 AM



“ *Roger changed my life. As a young man at Our Lady's Cathedral in Oklahoma City, I was greatly influenced in the spiritual journey by Roger. His humor, kindness, thoughtfulness, wisdom, and simplicity, all were an inspiration to me. When I reflect on my life and look for those who have inspired me in the spiritual journey throughout my life, Roger, without question, has been the one who has been the most influential catalyst. My prayers go out to Laurel, Erik, Karl, and Kurt. May the choirs of heaven rejoice as Roger joins the chorus, and perhaps stands in front of them, directing the sounds of praising God.*

Paul Lewis - October 24, 2022 at 11:44 AM

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“ I met Roger in the fall of 1974, at Luther Memorial Church in Madison, Wisconsin. I was a junior at the University and searching for sacred music beyond the awful gospel ick in the fundamentalist subculture in which I was raised. I was musically abused as a youngster. On my first Sunday I heard glorious music played and sung at the church, and an invitation from Roger to sing in his Heinrich Schuetz Kantorei. I did and began learning to sing Bach's St. John Passion which was glorious. Roger had a very droll sense of humor which complemented his teaching us with his exacting conducting. He is the finest musician, conductor, composer, pianist and organist I have ever known. And everything to him was Soli Deo Gloria, written on every composition of Bach's sacred music. 45 years later I was given the opportunity to serve St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Carbondale, and work alongside Roger, music director. How amazing is that? Thank you Roger for your musical and liturgical giftedness you gave to God and His Church. My condolences to Laurel and the family. We will miss Roger. SDG

Fr. Dale Coleman - October 14, 2022 at 03:04 PM

JT

“ I send my SYMPATHY to the family of Roger. I was a member of the handbell players called CHELSEA CHIMES at St Thomas More in Chapel Hill, NC. He was a caring and wonderful director. I have wonderful memories of the time together. May the love of God surround you during this time of sorrow. Joan Totte

Joan Totte - October 12, 2022 at 07:21 PM

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“ Prayers to Kurt, little Kurt and all of the family. I am so very sorry for your loss.

MARY LUKE - October 12, 2022 at 06:42 PM