

Rev. Douglas Williams

February 4, 1958-April 6, 2024

Doug was born February 4, 1958, to Bill and Joan Williams in San Louis Obispo. Soon the young family moved to San Diego, and shortly thereafter, Don and Laura were born. Doug enjoyed an idyllic childhood riding bikes in the many canyons, hiking and camping with Boy Scouts, running track in high school, and participating in church activities.

Doug graduated from James Madison High School and began attending San Diego City College and continued to develop his love for photography. In a few years, he moved on to San Diego State University. During this time, he went on a study team sponsored by the United Methodist Church to Peru. This trip had a profound impact on his life and his call to ministry.

Mutual friends introduced Doug and Cindy who, at the time, was a student at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. They were married in 1983. After their wedding, Doug joined Cindy in Dallas, completed his bachelor's degree, and began his seminary studies at Perkins, graduating in 1988. Lifelong friends were made during this time of his life.

After graduation, Doug and Cindy returned to California, and both began their ministerial careers. Daughter, Kelsey was born in 1992 and son, Trent was born in 1995. Doug loved being involved in their children's activities, especially swimming and water polo.

During his 36-year career, Doug served four United Methodist churches, Westwood, University (Irvine), Laguna Beach, and Laguna Country (Laguna Woods Village). For 21 years, he and Cindy served as co-pastors (Irvine and Laguna Beach). While in Irvine, Doug became involved with Families Forward, serving on the Board of Directors and chairing the Program Committee.

Doug retired from active ministry in June of 2023. He and Cindy moved to Colorado to the home they had been planning for several years. In Colorado, they lived close to Kelsey and granddaughter, Danica, who brought such light and joy to his life. After a brief, but devastating illness Doug died on April 6, 2024.

Family and home were two of Doug's passions. To honor his life and to create a life-giving legacy, his family has established this memorial fund with Families Forward. Your gift will help to end homelessness and to provide stability and housing for growing families.