

## **John Trom- BS 1958 Pharmacy**

Sept. 26, 1935 - Jan. 24, 2023

The Rev. John Phillip Trom, 87, died peacefully Jan. 24, 2023, in Portland, Ore., shortly after entering hospice care. As a lover of music, it is fitting he breathed his last while a harpist was playing for him.

John grew up in Lisbon, N.D. He earned a Pharmacy degree at NDSU in 1958, worked at his family's drugstore, Trom Drug, and at hospitals in Minneapolis. He married Karen Marie Froemke in 1961. He became a pastor in 1977, called to churches in South-Central Minnesota and Eastern South Dakota. He was kind, non-judgmental, smart, and humble, and found joy in his family, friends, and his many books.

John is survived by his son, Matthew; daughters, Jennifer (Chris) and Kate (Doug); grandchildren, Abigail and Kimberly (all of Portland, Ore.); his sister, Karen Marshall; and nephew, David (Gina) Marshall (of Longmont, Colo.).

John was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Karen (d. 1997); brother-in-law, Bruce Marshall (d. 2008); and nephew, John Marshall (d. 1981).

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at First Immanuel Lutheran Church in N.W. Portland. Memorial contributions may be made to First Immanuel Lutheran Church or the ELCA.