



Theodore V. (Ted) Granquist died on May 12, 2024 as a result of multiple health conditions. Son of Vernor and Lillian Granquist, he was born on June 22, 1935 in Miami, FL. After graduating from high school in Iron Mountain, MI he attended Gustavus Adolphus College and Augustana Seminary (LSTC). Upon completing his internship training at Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT, he was ordained into Lutheran ministry in 1961 in Seattle, WA. He was married to his faithful partner in ministry, Barbara Lloyd, on October 12, 1962.

Parishes served throughout his ministry included Transfiguration Lutheran Church, Taylor, MI; Bethany Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL.; Calvary and Trinity Lutheran Churches, a two-point parish in Rapid River, MI.; and Augustana Lutheran Church, Andover IL. While in Andover he had the honor of welcoming King Karl Gustav XVI and Queen Silvia during the king's visit to the historic Jenny Lind Chapel.

Ted found great meaning in living out his faith through involvement in synodical and community affairs. During the Civil Rights movement, he worked on a pan-Lutheran task force in the Detroit area called "The Churches' Concern for a Diverse Society." In Batavia, he served as a peace-keeper during the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. He also worked on an open housing ordinance, and was part of a small committee that formed a park district along the Fox River to help preserve green space for future generations. While in Rapid River, he was part of a five-person committee that formed Bay de Noc hospice in Escanaba, one of the first rural hospices in the US. When thousands of jobs were lost near the Quad Cities in the farm crisis of the late 80s, he was part of a listening ministry in the homes of laid-off workers and farmers living "on the edge." During retirement years he served as a docent at the former Cascade Meadows Environmental Center and was a Mayo Hospice volunteer for 14 years.

Ted's hobbies included stamp collecting, polishing agates and cross-country skiing. Ted loved to travel and see God's creation, and was able to visit 49 of the 50 states during his life-missing only Alaska. He enjoyed family hiking and camping trips with children and grandchildren in the White Mountains, the Colorado and Canadian Rockies, and the Superior Hiking Trail along the North Shore. Especially meaningful were the family times spent at a log cabin on Little Pequawaywan Lake near Duluth. Four generations have been a part of cabin life.

Along with his wife, Barbara, he is survived by a son, Timothy (Monika) of Fort Worth, TX; daughter Suzanne (Steven) Rye of Baxter MN; four dearly loved grandchildren: Becca and Kris Rye and Anja (Alex) Bilek and Joshua Granquist (Anna Main); special family friends Caleb Harris and Nikka and Stuart Vrieze; a sister, Phoebe Peterson of Eau Claire WI; and a brother, Luther (Anita Schermer) of Ventura, CA. A son, Mark, died in infancy.

A memorial service will be held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Rochester on Thursday, May 23rd at 2 PM. On Saturday, May 25th, a graveside service will be held at Edgington Cemetery at 11 AM with a visitation open house to follow at the Speer Funeral Home from 1-4 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred for ELCA World Hunger, Doctors Without Borders, The Nature Conservancy, and Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences are welcome and may be shared at mahnfamilyfuneralhome.com.