

# ROBERT W. HOWARD '53

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Pastor Robert (Bob) W. Howard, 85, of West Hartford, CT, died peacefully of heart failure at home on October 30, 2017. He was born in 1931 in Stamford, the only son of Harold and Evelyn Howard. He attended Stamford Public Schools and earned a BA from Williams College. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity, and was ordained as a minister in the United Methodist Church. Pastor Howard began his fifty-year ministry in West Redding and Sandy Hook, followed by eighteen years at Christ United Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY, and twenty-nine years as senior pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in Valley Stream, NY. Bob was active in the community, leading church youth groups, serving as the Chaplain of Valley Stream Fire Department, President of the Board of Brooklyn United Methodist Nursing Home, and more. Bob was also an avid basketball player, builder of a Vermont cabin, computer webmaster, writer, landscaper, cook, and handyman. He leaves his beloved wife of 61 years, Barbara Davis Howard; his daughters Elizabeth Carnes of West Hartford, Gweneth Mahoney of Cockeysville, MD, and Kathryn Curtis of Shrewsbury, MA. He is also survived by eight grandchildren: Henry and Robert Carnes; Jessica, Craig, Jack, and Ben Mahoney; and Alanna and Sohani Curtis. A memorial service will be held on November 24, 11 am, at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, 814 Asylum Ave, Hartford, CT 06105. A private burial will be held in Stamford. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in Pastor Howard's memory can be made to Asylum Hill Church or Hartford United Methodist Church, 573 Farmington Ave, Hartford, CT 06105. For directions and online condolences please visit: [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com)



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