

Dr. Howard Charles Hoffman M.D.

Hoffman M.D., Dr. Howard Charles Date of Birth: March 20, 1936 Date of Death: August 23, 2017
Howard C. Hoffman, M.D., age 81 went to be with his Lord on August 23, 2017, surrounded by the love of family and friends, and confident in a life everlasting. A celebration of his life is planned for 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24, in the Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church Chapel. There will be a visitation for friends and family immediately preceding the service, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Howard Hoffman was born March 20, 1936 in Denver, Colorado, the son of Howard Layman and Esther Marie (Stevens) Hoffman. He grew up in Fort Logan, Littleton, and Englewood, Colorado. He met Pauline Wiedmer, the love of his life, at the Englewood Free Methodist Church in 1952 and they were married on August 27, 1954. They shared a deep love for each other, commitment to serve the Lord, and a call to serve together on the mission field. Howard attended Central Christian College of Kansas, graduated from Seattle Pacific University in 1957, and received his Medical Degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1961. In 1963, Howard and Pauline and their three oldest children moved to Greenville Mission Hospital in South Africa, where they remained until 1967. Their youngest child was born in South Africa. Upon their return to the U.S., Howard joined a medical practice in Jackson and was one of the co-founders of Springcrest Medical Arts. The family settled in Spring Arbor. Howard also served as physician for Spring Arbor College and, with his wife, Pauline, had an active ministry in the Free Methodist church and in marriage counseling. In 1988, Howard joined Cigna Corp. and managed a health care facility in the Phoenix, Arizona area until retirement and returned to Spring Arbor in 1995. Howard authored *Feasting with My King: Joy and Hope in the Face of Suffering*, (Xulon Press) a Christian devotional for individuals facing adversity, which remained a ministry for him throughout the balance of his life. Howard is survived by his loving wife of almost 63 years, Pauline Wiedmer Hoffman, and four children: Ann Shinall (Kim), Donna Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (Ann), and Paul Hoffman (Rachel). He has also been blessed with five wonderful grandchildren: Angela, Patrick, Alice (fianc Ryan), Sylvia and Sasha. In addition, he is survived by siblings Donald Hoffman (Virginia), Grace Andresen, and Bill Hoffman (Linda), and many loving nieces and nephews and their families. Preceding Howard in death were parents Howard Layman and Esther Marie Hoffman, brother Paul Hoffman, and sister Elsie Anderson. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Hope Africa University PO Box 580, Spring Arbor 49283. Hope Africa University was established for the purpose of glorifying God and serving humanity in Burundi and is a favourite charity of Howard and Pauline.

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