

## **OBITUARY**

### **JOHN JEROME STATON**

The Reverend John Jerome Staton died on April 14, 2018 in Carmel, Indiana. Jerry was for 35 years a pastoral minister, serving four midwestern churches and contributing richly to the communities in which they were located.

Born and raised in Ohio, Jerry came to Dartmouth from Columbus. He majored in Comparative Literature and Philosophy and was an ardent follower of professor Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy. He was president of the Dartmouth Christian Union, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Green Key, the Glee Club and the Camera Club. He captained the rifle team.

Jerry received his master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York and spend a year of biblical and theological study at Marburg University in Germany. He went on to lead Protestant congregations in Glenwood, Minnesota; LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Kokomo, Indiana; and Green Bay, Wisconsin. He retired to Carmel, Indiana in 1989.

Wherever he lived Jerry was an active member of Rotary; he was recognized by them as a Paul Harris Fellow. Other community involvements included the YMCA, the United Way, Family Service and Habitat for Humanity. He was politically active with special commitments to human rights and the environment. He served on the boards of Northland College and the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute.

He had a life-long love affair with the north woods. He and his late wife Shirley found special joy at their island cabin near Ely, Minnesota. Other special interests were photography, carpentry, history and singing in choirs.