

Raymond Edward Shepherd

Aug. 3, 1948 - Feb. 27, 2018

Raymond Edward Shepherd, a longtime member of Metropolitan Community Church – Detroit and an active member of Affirmations, died Feb. 27th. He was 69.

A native of Detroit, Shepherd lived for many years in Ferndale. Most recently he was a resident of the American House in Hazel Park. Shepherd spent time in the U.S. Air Force before earning a master's degree.

"Ray was a very loving and compassionate person," recalled MCC-D pastor the Rev. Dr. Roland Stringfellow. "Adventure was always calling him and he would respond. He loved to travel and make new friends. Ray will be greatly missed by his communities at MCC-Detroit and Affirmations."

Charles Alexander remembered seeing Shepherd at church, even as his health declined.

"He would be at church with the aid of a walker," said Alexander. "He could not really articulate because he had a speech difficulty. However, I learned he was highly articulate on the computer and that that was his area of expertise. He was a member of Mensa and very intelligent."

Services for Shepherd took place earlier in the month at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon. The family suggested that memorials could be made to MCC-Detroit in remembrance of Shepherd.

-Jason A. Michael