



## Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr.

June 4, 1934 - March 27, 2019

Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr. born June 4, 1934, Louisville, Kentucky. Died March 27, 2019, at Tidewell, Sarasota, Florida.

Maurice was the first child born to Maurice S. Luker, Sr. and Beatrice Edlin Luker,( who was called by Sarasotans Bea Hartley, and was known for her volunteer work with Meals on Wheels.)

Maurice was a graduate of Fern Creek High School, Louisville, Southern Methodist University (Bachelors' in English and History), Drew University, MDiv, Ph.D. Old Testament, followed by ordination in the VA Conference, UMC). He studied with Karl Barth at the University of Basel, Switzerland.

An enthusiastic archaeologist, Maurice dug at Shechem, Israel (with George Ernest Wright), at Tell el Hesi, in the Negev, Israel (with Dr. Lawrence Toombs), and at Caesarea Maritima, Israel (with Dr. Bob Bull). He was the director of the archaeological survey of the Dead Sea plateau in Jordan. He was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for his study of Cathedrals in France (with Stephen Murray of Columbia University).

During his teaching career, Maurice taught Old Testament, Biblical Archaeology, Wisdom Literature, New Testament and numerous other courses at Emory & Henry College, Emory, Virginia (from 1965 until his retirement in

2004.)

After retiring and moving to Sarasota, Maurice taught classes covering religious topics at the couple's home and for the Adult Ed program at First Presbyterian Church.

Maurice is survived by his wife, Jean (Knarr SHS '62), by his children with his late wife Ann ( a son Maurice Luker III, and a daughter Amy Louise Barrett), and Jean's son Marc Miller, a sister Andrea Cooke of The Villages, a sister-in-law Jean Crawford Luker of Atlanta widow of Dr. Ralph Luker , ( who was Maurice's younger brother), and several nieces and nephews.

A service of Christian burial will be held at First Presbyterian Church,.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *John and Barbara {Babs Luker} Davis purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr..*



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**John and Barbara {Babs Luker} Davis** - April 11, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr..*



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April 11, 2019 at 06:58 PM

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“ *From the Luker children. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr..*



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**From the Luker children.** - April 05, 2019 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Sending love from Frank & Andy Cooke and Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Maurice S. Luker, Jr..*



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**Sending love from Frank & Andy Cooke and Family.** - April 05, 2019 at 01:35 PM

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**Andy Cooke** - March 30, 2019 at 04:32 PM