



The Reverend George Warren Busler

November 18, 2018

THE REVEREND GEORGE WARREN BUSLER, beloved husband, father, grandfather, pastor, professor and community leader died on November 18th after a prolonged battle with cancer. Born in 1938 in Philadelphia, PA to George W and Kathryn S Busler, George graduated from Frankford High School and Ursinus College where he met and later married Joy Kline. He received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology "cum honoribus" from the Episcopal Philadelphia Divinity School, was ordained Deacon and then Priest in the Episcopal Church. He received a Master of Sacred Theology "magna cum laude" from Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY as an Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow while serving as Assistant to the Rector at St. Luke's Church, Forest Hills, NY.

Father Busler became Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Westhampton Beach, NY in 1966 serving for 33 years becoming Rector Emeritus in 1999. He was Professor of Moral Theology at the George Mercer Seminary, Garden City, NY for 30 years. He was the founder in 1971 and Executive Director of the Family Counseling Service of the Hampton Interfaith Council until he retired, and was also a member of the Executive Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Staff of the Diocese of Long Island Health Corporation and its three hospitals from 1971 to 1999. He served on the board of the United Way of Long Island, the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, the Hampton Hospital Association, the Westhampton Association for the Arts and the Hampton Interfaith Council. He was Chaplain to the Westhampton Beach Fire

Department and President of the Suffolk County Health and Welfare Council. Among his many honors were a Doctor of Divinity degree from the University of the Cumberland, Williamsburg, Kentucky, the New York Hospital Association Distinguished Trustee Award, and Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow.

George enjoyed golf, bridge, and model railroading, building one of the most extensive layouts in Florida. The Buslers traveled extensively throughout the world, were 50 year members of the Westhampton Country Club and Quantuck Beach Club in Westhampton Beach, NY, and 27 year members of Laurel Oak Country Club and the Church of The Redeemer in Sarasota, FL where Father Busler was an adjunct priest while retired.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years Joy, son Timothy (Marianne), Greenwich, CT, daughter Leslie Busler Daoust, Sarasota, FL; granddaughters Caroline Grace Busler and Kathryn Joy Daoust; and brother-in-law Richard Kline (Dianne) N Fort Myers, FL. He is pre-deceased by his parents and brother Donald.

A Requiem will be held at the Church of the Redeemer at 11:30am on November 30. A reception will be held immediately following the service in the church parish hall. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Church of The Redeemer New Building Fund, 222 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236