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THE REVEREND FREDERICK C. HEITZENRODER July 19, 1947 – January 9, 2024

The Rev. Frederick C. Heitzenroder, a retired pastor of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, died on January 9, 2024.

Pastor Heitzenroder was born on July 19, 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Frederick A. Heitzenroder and Mildred (Wickline) Heitzenroder. Pastor Heitzenroder received a B.A. Degree from Thiel College, Greenville, PA in 1970, and he received an M.Div. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1974.

Pastor Heitzenroder was ordained by the Western Pennsylvania–West Virginia Synod in Greenville, PA on June 9, 1974.

Pastor Heitzenroder served the following calls during his ministry:

Zion Lutheran Church Olney, Philadelphia, PA	1974-1977
Grace Lutheran Church, Fairmont, West Virginia	1977-1990
Salem Lutheran Church, Delmont, PA	1990-2011
Retired	February 1, 2011

Pastor Heitzenroder also served in many community organizations, including as chaplain for the Fire and Police Departments in Delmont, PA. After his retirement, he was chosen to be a Pennsylvania State Police Chaplain stationed at the New Stanton, PA police barracks.

There will be a memorial service for Pastor Heitzenroder on January 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1555 Windmille Pointe Rd., Palm Harbor, Florida. The family is strongly requesting that attendees at the memorial service wear masks, which will be provided. For those who do not wish to wear a mask, the service will be live streamed at: <https://www.facebook.com/mylcr.org>, and it will also be recorded.

In addition, a celebration of life service will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, Delmont, PA, on April 27, 2024. The family has requested a ministers' choir for the celebration of life in Delmont. We will share further details when they become available.

Pastor Heitzenroder is survived by his wife, Dr. Wendy Gustavson Heitzenroder, and by his son, Matthew Frederick Heitzenroder.

Memorial contributions may be made to Thiel College in Greenville, PA:
<https://www.thiel.edu/giving/ways-to-give>

Expressions of sympathy to the family may be sent to: Dr. Wendy Heitzenroder; 520 S. Woodlands Drive; Oldsmar, FL 34677.