

Mel Goertz

Mel Goertz's memorial will be held at Stone Church on **Saturday, February 22, 2025 (1pm).**

A small reception will be held afterwards in the social hall.

The information below was previously sent on January 13, 2025

We received word from Janice today that "Mel walked into God's embrace early this morning, peacefully and surrounded by family."

Mel, and his wife Janice, joined Stone Church on June 11, 1985; and he was baptized the same day. From the beginning, he was dedicated and involved in the life of Stone Church, serving as an Elder five times, along with an 8-year stint as Clerk of Session. Of his nearly 40 years as a member, he spent 23 years on Session and nearly all that time on Budget and Finance. He's even preached a few sermons at Stone.



He was a supporter of the arts, children and youth, this church, and other local non-profits. He was a doer, always had a project, whether it was at home, or doing something at church he was moving and involved. He touched many hearts, and although some would say he could be stubborn at times, he always lived and worked with kindness and love in his heart. He loved Stone Church and worked through the good times, and the rough times with the goal of lifting this church up and helping it, and the congregation, continue its work in the world.



From the time I started working in the Stone Church office, Mel was as my Friday office volunteer; printing, folding and stuffing the order of worship each week in preparation for Sunday's service. He, along with the rest of my dedicated office volunteers, taught me what I needed to know to do my job.

He was a gem, and a dear friend I will never forget. We spent 14 years together, working, laughing, swapping stories, and wondering why people just wouldn't listen to us (because if they did, we'd solve the world's problems). Each Friday he would bring a sweet or savory treat to the office for us to share. He was a talented, creative baker, known, in years past, for bringing cookies to Budget & Finance and Session meetings.

His last day of work was January 3rd, he wasn't feeling great, but he wanted to be here and do his part. I'm so glad he did, I feel lucky to have been able to see him one last time.

Please pray for Janice and the family as they navigate these next steps. We will let you know when memorial plans have been made.

Cards and letters can be sent to:

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[Click here](#) to read about Mel's time in the Navy, as told to Bill Ribble for our 2019 "*Veterans of Stone Church - Reflections of Service*"

