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## Helen Prior

March 16, 1964 – May 8, 2024



With sadness, we share the news of the death of Rev. Helen Prior, who passed away on May 8, 2024, at the age of 60.

Helen's death is also a loss to the ministry of The United Church of Canada and faculty of the Interim Ministry Network. Helen, an Ordained Interim Minister in the United Church of Canada for more than 30 years served four pastoral charges as a settled minister and completed seven intentional interim ministries, serving in both Saskatchewan and Ontario. She served since 2017 on IMN's teaching faculty and was an IMN member for nearly 20 years. Helen offered leadership with love, great listening, acute observation, and faithful discernment. She had the gifts of humour and building trusting relationship. Being an Intentional Interim Minister was authentic to her own ability to grieve and pivot through her illness, finding grace and joy frequently. Well, done, good and faithful servant.

Rev. Helen Prior's death is a profound loss for family and friends. Helen is survived by her wife and soulmate Barb Adams. She is also survived by her mom (Jean), dad (Wyn) and brothers Andrew and Geoff. Aunt to Cara (Zack), Jessica (Cameron), Amy (Darian), April and Michael Broderick, Matt, Kyle and Paula. Great aunt to Cloee, Everley, Lennox, Maeve, Jason, Lucas, Sophie, Vera, Matias, Charlie, Michael, Nathan, and Alex. Helen was loved and cherished by all who knew her, and she leaves too many valued friends to name.

The funeral service will be Saturday May 18 at 3pm at Wesley United, Cambridge. It will be livestreamed on YouTube by Wesley United at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NShzsu6q0jl> Lunch following the service provided by Saint Luke's United Church.

Many thanks to Helen's healthcare professionals at Juravinski Cancer Centre and to her palliative care team in Cambridge. Helen received competent and compassionate person-centred care from everyone, and we are most grateful.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the charity of your choice and highlights 2 for your consideration: the Kindred Foundation (<https://www.kindredfoundation.ca/donate>), which provides free relaxation and peace to families affected by cancer at a wonderful cottage in Southampton, ON. Helen and Barb were extremely grateful for the luxurious week they spent there in April 2024. Or, the Interim Ministry Network (<https://imnedu.org/support/>), an organization very close to Helen's heart.

Arrangements by Corbett Funeral Home, Cambridge ON <https://www.corbettfuneralhome.ca/>