

Diocesan Necrology
2023

Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them!

The Rev'd James "Jim" Lorenze; Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire; Deacon Lorenze served the Cathedral parish for 25 years alongside Deacon Ken Van Es. He was well known and respected for his selfless dedication to visiting the homebound parishioners of Eau Claire. Jim also served as a Deputy to General Convention multiple times.

Mr. Bill Smith; Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire; Bill Smith was an active member of the Cathedral community, serving several functions throughout the years, but perhaps most notably serving as organist for several years. Originally an ordained pastor in the American Lutheran Church, Bill's transition to Episcopal life including many terms on Diocesan committees and councils, most notably his devotion to the Buffington Board of Governors, for whom he temporarily ran the Leatherwood Senior Community and most recently served as the Board's Vice-President, seeing to the needs of Buffington Residents with care and efficiency.

The Rev'd Georgia Agner; Christ Church, Chippewa Falls; Deacon Agner served both the Diocese of Milwaukee and the diocese of Eau Claire across 26 years of active service in the diaconate. We remember for her years of service to Christ Church, Chippewa Falls, but the highlight of her time in ordained ministry was standing as the Deacon of the Mass beside Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a special service at All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee in 1995.