

David and Kay Hartley Endowment Fund

Established November 2019

David and Kay (Reese) Hartley were raised on family farms in Illinois where Kay attended Abingdon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and David was a fourth-generation member of Illiopolis Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). David's mother was the first woman elder and first woman board chairman in the Illiopolis church.

Kay and David met at University Place Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Champaign, Illinois, when they were students at the University of Illinois and were active members of Disciples Student Fellowship. When they were upper-classmen, they served in the campus ministry of the Illinois Student Foundation.

Kay and David were married August 16, 1959, in Abingdon Christian Church. After graduating from the University of Illinois, they moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where David attended graduate school at Oregon State University. Their children, Clinton and Elaine, were born in Corvallis. Upon completion of graduate school, David accepted a faculty position in the Department of Horticulture at the University of Missouri. They attended and served for ten years in First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Columbia, Missouri.

Early in 1975, the Hartleys moved to Fort Collins where David accepted a faculty position in the Horticulture Department at Colorado State University. Learning of a new Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation in Fort Collins, they eagerly joined Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 2000.

With their servants' hearts, David and Kay have supported our congregation in numerous ways. Kay sang in the choir and kept the church kitchen in good order. She delighted in the handbells and, in the months prior to her death in July 2019, she made a generous gift to ensure the purchase of a three-octave set of bells. Kay's passions were serving others and promoting world peace. David has served variously, including the roles of Steward, Treasurer and Elder. David also served the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He spent time at La Foret as a youth camp counselor and served terms as a member of the Regional Board and as a member and President of the Central Rocky Mountain Region Foundation Board.

Having received life-long love, support, and nourishment from several Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations, David and Kay are establishing the David and Kay Hartley Endowment Fund in gratitude to help sustain the mission of the Heart of the Rockies Christian Church.