



## Rev. William R. Thayer

August 15, 1947 - November 19, 2024

Reverend William R. Thayer, 77, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died November 19, 2024. He was born August 15, 1947 in New York, NY. Known for his caring, kindness and generosity. William will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was the son of Allen R. Thayer and Barbara F. Moulton Thayer Meltzer and is survived by his brother, Lloyd M. Thayer, of Wilmington, Delaware, and a niece and nephew, a great-niece and a great-nephew. William had a passion for theology, comparative religions and church history. He majored in philosophy and religion at Springfield College, earned a Masters in Social Work from the University of Connecticut and a Masters in Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. He was ordained October 31, 2015. He worked in social work for 30 years in Edinburgh, Scotland, New Haven and Manchester, CT and New York City. He worked as Parish Visitor at South Congregational Church in East Hartford, which he found to be his most rewarding and meaningful work. William was also a founding member and first president of the Thayer Families Association. Inurnment took place on December 6, 2024 in the family plot at Hillside Cemetery in Monson, MA. A memorial service will be held on January 11, 2025, at 10AM at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield, MA (UUSGS), 245 Porter Lake Drive. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Unitarian Universalist Society (UUSGS), South Congregational Church in East Hartford, CT, or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Springfield, MA. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the

arrangements. Please visit William's memorial page at [www.nefcc.net](http://www.nefcc.net) for expressions of sympathy.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Society of Greater Springfield  
245 Porter Lake Drive  
Springfield, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ We met in 1999 and became forever friends. His kindness knew no bounds and he always put others first. He dedicated his life to helping people in any way he could. We made Vegan Soup together in a large pot so we could fill several containers to share with friends. Again, Will was always thinking of others. Of late, when he was needing home care, he still reached out by phone and we talked nearly every day. He had a way of making you feel that you were the most important person in his world. You will live in my heart always.

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**Celeste A Ziemba** - December 29, 2024 at 01:44 PM