

WILLIAM A. BEISCHER



DR. WILLIAM A. BEISCHER, PHD.

ITHACA - Dr. William A. Beischer, PhD., 72, of 21 Sun Path, Ithaca, NY, passed away Thursday, October 7, 2006, at the Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca.

He was born on September 7, 1934 in Little Falls, the son of the late William and Lydia (Ristock) Beischer. He was a graduate of Little Falls High School and President of the Class of 1952. He received his Associate's, Master's and Doctorate degrees from Cornell University, Ithaca.

He was united in marriage to his wife of 49 years, the former JoAnn Howe on June 15, 1957 at the United Methodist Church, Little Falls.

Dr. Beischer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca and an affiliate member of the First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta, Florida. He was also a member of the Acacia Fraternity at Cornell University, Phi Delta Kappa, and served as a member of the Bolton Water Commission. Bill also enjoyed active membership in The Cayugans, a men's music club. He was honored as an outstanding educator by the Ithaca Jaycees, noting some of his work to form a computer mathematics program, several programs involving race relations and drug abuse prevention, and selfless efforts to improve the lives of his students.

Dr. Beischer was highly respected as an educator for the Ithaca City School District, beginning his career as a mathematics teacher at Ithaca High School in 1957, where he remained until 1962, when he was appointed vice principal of the school. He later became the vice principal for the DeWitt Middle School, Ithaca, where he remained until his retirement in 1993 after 36 years of service. His life's work with students, and helping those with troubled lives turn themselves around, brought him great joy. He is survived by his wife JoAnn, Ithaca; two sisters-in-law, Claudia Howe and Millie

Howe, both of Little Falls; two nephews, Robert M. Howe and Brad Howe, both of Little Falls; two nieces, Cindi Norejko and her husband, Paul, Little Falls, and Tara Hardsey and her husband, Jesse, Little Falls; grand niece and nephews, Emily Hardsey, Kyle Howe and Nathan Miller; and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. from the Chapman-Moser Funeral Home, Inc., 42 N. Ann Street, Little Falls. Interment will take place in Rural Park Cemetery, Inghams Mills, NY.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects at the funeral home on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, from 9-10 a.m. and to attend the funeral services to follow.

It is the wish of the family that contributions in memory of Dr. Beischer be considered to the First Presbyterian Church, 315 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850, the Lansing Fire Dept. EMS, 80 Ridge Rd., Lansing, NY 14882, or to Hospicare of Tompkins County, 172 E. King St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

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