

## **Lowe, David**

David M. Lowe, 68, a visionary and educator, passed away Wednesday, May 16, 2001. He was born in Paw Paw on Dec. 16, 1932, the son of the Rev. Manson H. and Gladys Lowe. In 1942, they moved to Bad Axe, where he attended Bad Axe public schools. He was active in music and sports and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1951. He then continued his studies at Western Michigan College (now WMU) in Kalamazoo. He graduated in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in education, and a commission as an Army officer through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Following graduation, he served on active duty with the Army Quartermaster Corps at Fort Lee, Va., and began his post-graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary. He taught in the Battle Creek and Ypsilanti school systems and received his masters degree in education from the University of Michigan in 1960. Following graduate school, he joined the College of Education faculty of Eastern Michigan University. In the '70s Dave left the education world and worked for a time in real estate in Michigan before relocating to Phoenix in 1982. On an avocational basis, Dave worked on a number of environmental, spiritual and social change initiatives. On the environmental front, Dave was actively involved in alternate fuels projects, with a focus on the use of hydrogen. On the spiritual front, he was an elder in the Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church. He led and supported a number of important church programs including work with the homeless, and initiatives to improve diversity and inclusion in the church. Surviving are his three daughters, Lynn Lowe Miller and her husband, Joel, of Grand Rapids, Lisa Lowe Mittleman and her husband, Willard, of Athens, Ga., Lori Lowe Tzortzinis and her husband, Angelo, of Ann Arbor; his sister, Mancelyn Howard and her husband, Gordon, of Glendale, Ariz.; his brother, George Lowe and his wife, Marj, of Northville; three grandchildren, Christina Barbara, Sofia Lisa, and Keenan David; and his former wife, Barbara Lowe, and her mother, Ruth Avery Ulrich. A memorial service was conducted May 21, 2001, at the Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, Ariz. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, 535 E. Lincoln Drive, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.