

*A Service of Worship to the glory of God
in celebration and memory of*



Patrick "Pat" O'Conner Helm
June 15, 1949 – July 28, 2025

First United Methodist Church of Gainesville
August 16, 2025

Dr. Harold Henderson
Officiating Pastor

*Please join with family and friends after the service
for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.*

Order of Worship

PRELUDE		Maggie Tran
GATHERING		
THE WORD OF GRACE AND GREETING		
HYMN	"How Great Thou Art" (vs 1, 4)	UMH 77
PRAYER		
WORDS OF APPRECIATION		Steven Helm Robin Helm Brandon Sean OConnor
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Graves Into Gardens"	
SCRIPTURE LESSONS	Psalm 23 Romans 8 John 14	
WORDS OF COMFORT		
THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
HYMN	"He Lives"	UMH 310
FLAG PRESENTATION		
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE		

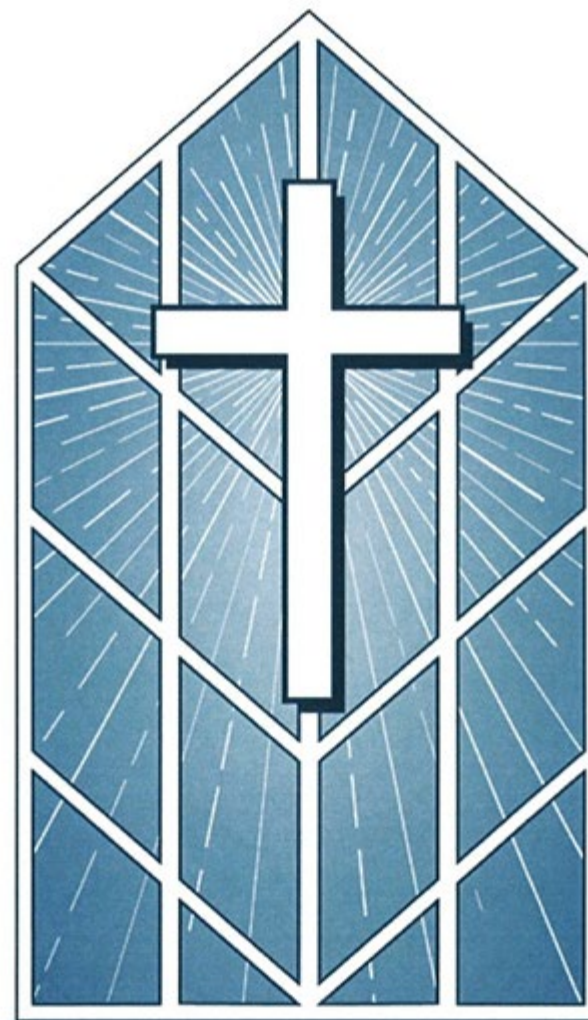
*Memorial gifts may be made to
First United Methodist Church of Gainesville, FL
American Cancer Society*

Patrick “Pat” O’Conner Helm, age 76, of Gainesville, FL, passed into glory peacefully on 28 July 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on 15 June 1949 at Fort Campbell, KY to the late Floyd and Aida Helm, Pat grew up as an Army “brat” and relished the experience of seeing the world at such a young age. He attended college at the University of Florida, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising in August of 1971, and commissioning as an Infantry Officer in the United States Army. It was at UF that Pat would meet the love of his life, Cheryl, and they were married on 27 August 1971. He never missed an opportunity to tell her each day that he loved her and everywhere they went, they were holding hands together. Following 4-1/2 years of honorable military service in Germany and stateside, Pat returned to UF and earned his Juris Doctor in June of 1978. He practiced law in the state of Florida until his retirement in 2016, most notably as a partner in the firm of McCarty, Helm, Keeter, and O’Connor, and as a respected mediator. He was an active member of Kiwanis and a faithful member of the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville. Pat is survived by his wife Cheryl, daughter and son-in-law Robin and Jeremy Brandon, son and daughter-in-law Steven and Christina Helm, and five grandchildren: Victoria, Jordan, Ryan, Matthew, and Nathan. His loved ones will remember him as a devoted husband, loving father, and faithful friend. He was a lifelong Gator fan, lover of classic rock and roll, and always gave the best hugs.



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*"Well done my good
and faithful servant."*

Matthew 25:21