Stewart A. Shaw.  

Stewart Arnold Shaw, 80, of Winona died August 19, 2015 at Gundersen Lutheran Hospital in La Crosse following a stroke. Stewart was born May 27, 1935, in Oelwein, Iowa to E. B. and Marybess (Stewart) Shaw. He graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, IA and received his Ph.D in philosophy from Columbia University, New York City. He received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Leeds University in England from 1957 to 1958.

He taught philosophy at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA from 1963 to 1969. He then taught at Hamline University, St. Paul, for several years before becoming the Registrar there until 1990. At that time, he moved to Winona to become the Registrar at Winona State University until his retirement in 2002.

His retirement years were active with many community organizations and causes. He served on the Board of Home and Community Options for many years and participated in fund raising for its annual musical. He was a Master Gardener and enjoyed growing vegetables in community gardens. He was a member of CASM (Citizens Against Sand Mining), motivated by the presence of a frac sand processing facility in his neighborhood. His membership in Beyond Tough Guise reflected his concern about violence towards women and treating everyone with respect. Other groups include the WSU Retiree Center, the Learning Club, the Hiawatha Valley Audubon Society and the Wellspring Singers. He was an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church and served on its communion ministry program. He enjoyed traveling in this country and abroad; he and Kay had just completed a three week driving trip to the West Coast where they visited seven national parks.

Stewart married Kay Petterson on August 26, 1961 in Minneapolis, MN. They had two sons, Stephen and David. In 1976 they adopted their daughter, Carrie, from Korea. Stewart is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kay; son, Stephen A. Shaw of Winona; daughter, Carrie Shaw of Shakopee, MN; six grandchildren, Michael Shaw, Katie (Dom) Adank, Stephanie Shaw, and Stephen A. Shaw, Jr., all of Winona; and Alex and Spencer Mona of Shakopee; one brother, Robert (Karen) Shaw of Centerville, Ohio; one brother-in-law, Charles (Lynn) Petterson of Peria, IA; two sisters-in-law, Diane Petterson of Stillwater and Kay Petterson of Des Moines, IA; two nieces and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, his son, David, nephew Jon Shaw, and two brothers-in-law, Paul D. Petterson and John Petterson.

A service to celebrate Stewart’s life will be held Wed., August 26, at 2 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Main and Broadway, with Pastor Dale Arendt officiating. Visitation is an hour before the service. Memorials instead of flowers are preferred to Home and Community Options, Wesley United Methodist Church or donor’s choice. This gentle, compassionate, committed man was loved and respected by all who knew him. His life will continue to inspire others even as he is greatly missed.

Services entrusted to Fawcett Junker Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Winona, MN and Fountain City, WI. Words of sympathy or remembrance may be left at www.fawcett-junkerfuneralhome.com.