

Reverend Richard Rice C'54, T'58, P'81, P'84, P'13 -- Service to Drew

Richard Jordan Rice lives in Interlaken, N.Y., in the beautiful Finger Lakes, with Nancy, his wife. They are just two days short of their 63rd wedding anniversary. They have four children, three of whom have Drew degrees: David, C'81, Elin, C'84, and Martha, T'13. John graduated from American University in 1982. Richard and Nancy also have nine grandchildren.

Richard is attending his 66th Drew reunion. He graduated from Brothers College in 1954 and from Theological School in 1958. He also received a Master of Sacred Theology with emphasis on urban ministry from New York Theological School in 1973. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1957 and an Elder in 1959 and served his entire ministry in the New York Annual Conference. His appointments were to Gaylordsville, Ct., Grace, Brooklyn and St. Paul's Brooklyn, Stony Brook, N.Y., and Newburgh, N.Y., He served as District Superintendent of the Metropolitan District and Associate Executive Director of the United Methodist City Society. In retirement he served four churches—Nichols in Trumbull, Ct., Katonah, N.Y., Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and Park Avenue in Manhattan—and one year as interim Superintendent in the Long Island East District.

His alumni involvement with Drew began with his filling a vacancy on the Board of Directors in 1999. He served on the Board of Directors for many years and was elected President in 2001. During that time the Board engaged in a process of self-reflection. Out of that study came many changes to the operation of the Board, the establishment of a new committee, the Alumni College, and the development of new regional Drew Clubs. He enjoyed his association with the NYC Club. He served on The Alumni College committee for several years setting up weekend trips to various historical areas and arranging for classes taught by professors at the annual reunions. One of the favorites was a panel presentation on election years. He also was a member of the Nominating Committee, with special attention to those being nominated to the College Hall of Fame.