

Actuary and Pastor

Jeff Lange (FCAS 1964)

1940-2024

Lange was born and raised and lived most of his life in New York City. He was the first of two children born to LeRoy and Bertha Miller Lange, to be followed five years later by his sister Kathleen with whom he always shared a close bond. Both loved reading and taking really long walks on the sands of Jones Beach near their home in Bellmore, Long Island. In 1961 Lange received a bachelor of arts from Wagner College and a master of science from New York University two years later before spending nearly 18 years as an applied mathematician. In 1973 he and coauthor Wayne Fisher, FCAS, published “Loss Reserve Testing: a Report Year Approach.” Dubbed the “Fisher-Lange” paper, this paper was important enough that it was on the CAS Exam Syllabus for a number of years. During that time, Lange married his college sweetheart and had a son. The marriage didn’t last, but Jeff’s love for his son grew stronger with every passing year. Lange decided to take a different path and began taking night classes at General Theological Seminary in Manhattan. While teaching a new members’ class at Saint Peter’s Church in 1981, he met his future wife, Marilyn. They married in 1984. After graduating in 1983 with a master of divinity, Lange served in varying capacities at several churches until 2017. Lange was preceded in death by his parents, his son Philip Gregory Lange and Philip’s mother Doris Mueller Lange. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Gallaway Lowther Lange; his sister Kathleen Lange Kugler and her husband Richard; and nephews Christopher Scott (Stephanie) Kugler and Matthew Brett (Amancay) Kugler and their children.