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Church Musician

John Harry Heiden, 68, a church director of music for more than 30 years in Falls Church and a collector of art glass, died from complications of abdominal cancer March 7 at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore. He moved to Baltimore eight years ago.

Mr. Heiden was born and grew up in Denison, Iowa. After graduating from the University of Northern Iowa, he joined the Army and served as a member of the Army Chorus. Later, he moved to New York, where he studied and performed.

He moved to the Washington area in 1967 and lived on Capitol Hill for more than 30 years. He was active in the Capitol Hill Restoration Society and assisted a group trying to save Congressional Cemetery.

Mr. Heiden served for more than 30 years as the director of music at Falls Church Presbyterian Church.

He also collected and sold art glass and art glass shades. He participated in shows nationwide. Survivors include his companion, Donald Mooers of Baltimore; a sister; and a brother.