

## Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

### Pastor Obituaries 2013

#### **ARMSTRONG, Rev. Carrol Robie**

96, of Torbrook Mines, NS passed away peacefully Friday, February 15, 2013 in Grand View Manor, Berwick. Born in Bloomington, he was a son of the late Robie and Sarah (Neily) Armstrong. Carrol devoted his life to his family, church and community. He married the love of his life Jean Eileen Croft in 1951 and began his ministry with the Milton United Baptist Pastorate, Annapolis Royal United Baptist Pastorate, First Cornwallis United Baptist Pastorate, Upper Cunard, Barss Corner United Baptist Pastorate and later returning to the Milton United Baptist Pastorate. After retirement Carrol served as interim minister for many area churches. Youth ministry was a significant focus of Carrol's work throughout his life. He loved the family farm and was very interested in history and the Armstrong genealogy. In his early years, he was very much an athlete and was also involved with Boy Scouts where he was a Scout Leader. He enjoyed playing crokinole, playing harmonica and singing with the Annapolis Valley Men's Choir. He was very involved with Senior Citizen organizations including the Valley Seniors Games. Carrol also received recognition from Acadia Divinity College for his work with Rural Life Services. He is survived by his daughters, Carolyn Armstrong, Calgary; Laura (Chris) Rice, Cole Harbour; Janet Armstrong, Ottawa; Sara (Richard) Gomez, Wilmot; son, Neil (Daria) Armstrong, Torbrook Mines; grandchildren, Patriza (Hayward); Robert (April); Christiana; Graham; Amara; great grandchildren, Aiden, Ashley, Ander and Georgia; niece Margaret (Steve) Smith and nephew Bill Scott. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Jean and sister Pearl Scott.

#### **HOBSON, Rev. Dr. Keith R.**

The family of Rev. Dr. Keith R. Hobson announce his passing on May 26, 2013 at his home in Saint John, from this life into a blessed eternity with his God and Saviour. Keith was born December 1918 in Lewes, Sussex, England. At an early age Keith accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord. At age twelve God called him to start preparing for full-time ministry, and by his late teens he was preaching regularly. The guiding principle of his life was that, considering all that Jesus Christ had done and given for him, Keith could not give any less than his best for his Lord.

In 1940 during the Blitz, Keith married his life partner Daisy (Carter) and they entered into ministry together. In 1949 they followed God's call to minister in the Maritimes, serving in Glace Bay, Cape Breton then Lawrencetown in the Annapolis Valley, NS. They then served ten years in Summerside, PEI before moving to Germain Street Baptist Church in Saint John, NB. Along with pastoral positions, Keith held numerous leadership posts within the Baptist organizations of the Atlantic Provinces. He was pastor and mentor to other pastors and church leaders right to the end. He was President of the

Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches then in 1970 he became Executive Minister of the Convention, a position he held for 14 years. He was founding Chair of the Board of Governors of Acadia Divinity College, served on the Board of Atlantic Baptist College (Crandall University) and The Spencer Memorial (Seniors) Home. He headed the Board of Ministerial Standards and held many other leadership positions.

Following his retirement from the Executive Minister position, he served as Interim General Secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada, then returned to pastoral ministry which continued until his late 70s. He then retired for the last time to care for Daisy who was in declining health who passed away in 2002. Now they are rejoined in heaven.

Keith was the son of Alan and Edith (Brixton) Hobson, and his children are all true Maritimers. Keith and Daisy are survived by brother Alan (Jean) of Uxbridge, England and sons Neil (Susan), Clive (Elaine), Roy (Doris), Adrian, and daughters Joy and Heather Telman (Gerry), and grandchildren Robert, James, Belinda, Ben, Colleen, Andrew, Sharon, Gregory, Kristina, Leah, Georgia, Nate and 12 great-grandchildren.

#### **CHURCHILL, REV. DR. GORDON "KEITH"**

BA, M.Div, D.Min (1939-2013) of Greenwich, NS.

A gentle man has gone quietly toward a new horizon. Keith passed away December 7, 2013 in his home after a two year struggle with Lymphoma. Keith was born in Sydney, NS, the son of Rev Ernest and Blanche Churchill who were pastoring in Mira, CB. His public schooling took place in Digby, NS where he was active in student affairs. While at Acadia University, he became student council president. After graduation as a math major, he decided to go into pastoral ministry. Student pastorates were at Port Bickerton and Spryfield. He chose Union Theological Seminary in New York to take his theological training, graduating in 1964. Returning to the Maritimes, he accepted the position as Associate Pastor at First Baptist, Amherst. Subsequently, he served as senior pastor at Lancaster Baptist, St John NB, First Baptist Lethbridge, AB, West Point Grey Baptist, Vancouver, BC and Trinity Baptist, Sherwood Park, AB. While serving as pastor he completed studies for a doctoral degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. In 1995 he became Area Minister for the Baptist Union of Western Canada – an area that stretched from the Arctic Circle to the US border. After retirement, Keith did interim ministries in Vancouver, White Rock, BC, Toronto, Edmonton, Middleton, Margaretsville and Bridgetown. His work was thoughtful, his love was genuine and his ministries effective. He married Joan Neily, North Kingston, NS in 1968. In 1970 their son, Jeffery Churchill, (Vancouver, BC) was born. His work and first love was to serve the worship and witness needs of a congregation. But his interest went beyond that to a larger field of service – participating in US civil rights demonstrations, visiting the work of world missions in Africa and India, spending a sabbatical building houses in Nicaragua, serving as local president of the Interchurch Council. Keith was an avid Scouter, became Queen Scout, attended a Jamboree in 1958. In 2010 he was made a Baden-Powell Fellow under the patronage of the King of Sweden. He was an admitted news junkie reading several newspapers a day. He loved old movies. The more often he watched Casablanca the

better. Listening to jazz music, reading, feeding birds and enjoying his grand boys were treasured times. Keith is survived by his wife, Joan, Greenwich NS; son, Jeff (Devony) and grandsons, Hayden and Callum, Vancouver; brother, Rev. Dr. John Churchill (Lana) and the families of their children, Laura, Sharon and James; Aunt Minnie Clayton, Halifax; Special Niece Darlene; numerous cousins and friends from Coast to Coast to Coast. He was predeceased by his parents.

#### **CAMPBELL, REV. DOUGLAS & MARGUERITE**

It is with deep sadness that the family of Douglas and Marguerite Campbell announce their passing on Monday, December 23, 2013. Douglas was 81 years of age. Marguerite was 62 years of age. They went home to be with their Lord following a tragic car accident due to weather conditions. They had been returning home for Christmas from a vacation in Florida. Born on January 22, 1932 in Waltham, Mass., Douglas was the son of the late Esther and Oscar Campbell. Born on February 27, 1951 in Petitcodiac, N.B., Marguerite was the daughter of the late Marjorie (Wilson) and Harold Fletcher. Douglas was a Baptist minister who pastored at many churches throughout the Maritimes. Before studying to become a minister he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a hard worker who enjoyed carpentry, reading and conversing with others. He will be greatly missed. Marguerite was a schoolteacher at Dorchester Consolidated School. She was an active member of Woodpoint Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, worked with Vacation Bible School programs and was part of the women's group. Spending time with children, especially her grandchildren, gave her much joy. She will be deeply missed. Douglas and Marguerite will be lovingly remembered by their son, Stephen Campbell; their daughters Lorna (Tom) Boudreau, Joanne Campbell, Jenny Pawlik, Donna (Jeremy) Olfert, and Heather (Steven) Thompson and their 11 grandchildren. Douglas is survived by his sisters Doreen Farrell and Shelia (Donnie) Davies. Marguerite is survived by her brothers, Arthur (Louise) Fletcher and Cecil (Diane) Fletcher. Besides his parents, Douglas was pre-deceased by his brother, Donald Campbell and wife, Shirley (Hawkes) Campbell. Marguerite was pre-deceased by her parents and her brother, John Fletcher.

#### **BAGLEY, REV. ANGUS WALTER**

Rev. Angus Walter (Puzz) Bagley, 86, of Monteaigle went home to be with his Lord on December 25, 2013 at the Moncton Hospital. Born in Grand Manan he was a son of the late Cecil and Mary (Flagg) Bagley.

A graduate of the former Atlantic Baptist College, Angus was a retired Baptist Pastor having served many congregations with a loving and caring heart. He was a skilled carpenter and hunter and enjoyed spending time camping with his wife Esther. He loved to share stories and has passed on many treasured memories to his family. He was a man of intregity.

Angus will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 62 years, Esther (Sutherland); sons Gerald, Duane (Thara), Blaine (Sally) and Carter (Tanya); his grandchildren, Jeremy, Levi, Nathaniel, Seth, Carter and Monica; great grandchildren, Michael and Jack; sisters

Eunice Tate, Bernice Hall, Myrtle Dow, Nina Lee, Gwen Green, Marcia (Wendell) Cook, Natalie Urquhart and Sheila (Vance) Fiander. He was predeceased by sisters Beatrice Hockley and Isabelle Guptill and his brother Frank.