

Clergy Obituaries – 2004

REV. PAUL V. L. BLAKENEY

Rev. Paul Blakeney was born in Lower West Jeddore, Nova Scotia. Paul attended High School at Tocoa Falls Institute in Georgia; graduated from the Nova Scotia Hospital School of Nursing in 1953; and from London Bible Institute in 1958. He served 20 years with the Canadian Armed Forces, after which he attended Acadia Divinity College, graduating in 1989. He pastored at Port Mouton United Baptist Church and Yarmouth Temple Baptist Church in Nova Scotia. He served as interim pastor at Port Hawkesbury, North Sydney, Caledonia and Port Mouton in Nova Scotia and in St. John's, Newfoundland. Paul retired in 2003.

Rev. Blakeney passed away on December 23, 2004 at the age of 72. He was predeceased by an infant son Gregory, sister Velma and brothers Garth and Brice. He is survived by his wife Marion; one son, David; one daughter, Carolyn and five grandchildren.

REV. HENRI L. J. LANCTIN

Rev. Henry Louis Jean Lanctin was born in Quebec City, Quebec. After high school graduation he pursued theological studies at London Bible Institute, Ontario and l'Institut Biblique de Montreal. He became a missionary with La Bonne Nouvelle Mission Moncton and was ordained under the Atlantic Baptist Convention in 1978. He pastored at the Moncton French Baptist Church and the Richibucto Mission and was Camp Director of Camp l'Allee Verte, Irishtown, NB for 31 years. He was a veteran of WWII. He retired to Darling Lake, Yarmouth County in 1988 where he continued a television and radio ministry.

Rev. Lanctin passed away on March 21, 2004 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; three daughters, Suzanne, Jocelyn and Karen; one son, Henri; one brother, Rev. Eugene Lanctin and seven grandchildren.

REV. STEWART LYNN

Rev. Stewart Lynn was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He and his family emigrated to Canada in 1949. An ordained minister with the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches for 50 years, he began his pastoral ministry in the Harvey-Alma charge in New Brunswick. He also served in East Florenceville, Lutes Mountain Chance Harbour and Minto Churches in New Brunswick.

Rev. Lynn passed away on September 5, 2004. He was predeceased by two sisters, Effie and Elizabeth; one brother, James; one son, Stewart and one grandson, David. He is survived by his wife, Janet; two daughters, Marianne and Kathleen; one son, Graham; two grandsons, Stephen and Kevin; five granddaughters, Elizabeth, Janet, Heather, Audra and Alicia and one great granddaughter, Erika.

DR. GEORGE S. MCGRAY

Dr. George McGray was born in Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia. He farmed in the Chegoggin area and served in Europe during WWII, rising to the rank of Major. Following the war, he gained a BA and BD from Acadia University, became Associate Minister at First Baptist Church in Halifax and in 1953 came to the newly organized Bayers Road United Baptist Church in Halifax, serving there as pastor for nearly two decades. In 1972, Dr. McGray became Baptist Chaplain at the Halifax hospitals and then eight years later Protestant Chaplain at the Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre, a position he held well into active retirement. Dr. McGray held an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Acadia University.

Dr. McGray passed away on April 27, 2004 at the age of 89. He was predeceased by his wife, Edith. He is survived by one son, William and one daughter, Barbara.

REV. STEWART JUDSON MCLEARN

Rev. Stewart McLearn was born in South Rawdon, Nova Scotia. He was a graduate of Nova Scotia Agricultural College and Acadia Divinity College. He served many pastorates throughout Nova Scotia during his 40 years with the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.

Rev. McLearn passed away on October 18, 2004 at the age of 70. He was predeceased by an infant granddaughter and one sister, Etta. He is survived by his wife, Doris; three sons, Stewart, Michael and Matthew; three daughters, Rebecca, Christine and Rachel; 23 grandchildren and step-grandchildren; seven step great-grandchildren; five brothers, Archie, Warren, Martin, Laurence and Eric; three sisters, Inez, Minnie and Mabel and several nieces and nephews.

REV. PHYLLIS JEAN MENZIES

Rev. Phyllis Menzies was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She graduated University of New Brunswick (English) in 1942 and Acadia University (Master of Divinity) in 1980. She taught school in Woodstock, Hartland, Rothesay and Fredericton in New Brunswick until 1975. She was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1980. She served at various pastorates in Nova Scotia and as a chaplain at the Dartmouth Regional Hospital.

Rev. Menzies passed away on July 1, 2004 at the age of 84. She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn and Natalie; two sons, Dave and Gary; three grandsons, Karl, Nicolas and Josef; four granddaughters, Lorrie, Ariana, Sara and Kamila; two great-grandchildren, Leah and Meghan and one brother, Laurie.

REV. CHARLES M. MILBURY

Rev. Charles Milbury was born in Advocate Harbour, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. He studied at Acadia Divinity College and entered the ministry serving in churches throughout Nova Scotia and in Saint John, New Brunswick. He received the Governor Generals award for his

service with the Saint John Ambulance Service having served with them at both mine disasters in Springhill in 1956 and 1958.

Rev. Milbury passed away on May 11, 2004 at the age of 77. He was predeceased by his first wife, Irene and a sister, Jean. He is survived by his wife Sandra; one daughter, Constance; one son, Andrew and a foster son, Don Flooks.

REV. G. EDWARD MILLER

Rev. G. Edward Miller was born in Weldon, New Brunswick. He graduated from Acadia University with a B.A.Th. in 1934, M.A.Th. in 1935 and B.D. in 1936. He served on summer pastorates in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. After ordination he served in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Rev. Miller passed away on April 14, 2004 at the age of 95. He was predeceased by his wife, Bessie and a sister, Mabel. He is survived by one brother, Rev. Kenneth Miller.

REV. KENNETH K. MILLER

Rev. Kenneth Miller was born in Albert County, New Brunswick. He graduated from the Aberdeen High School in Moncton and the Provincial Normal School in Fredericton, the University of New Brunswick and Acadia University. He served Baptist Churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec. He was a Chaplain in the Air Force in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. After retiring from the Air Force, he served Baptist churches in Medicine Hat, Alberta and in St. Thomas and Toronto in Ontario.

Rev. Miller passed away on October 9, 2004 at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his first wife, Vera; one sister, Mabel and one brother, Rev. G. E. Miller. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; nieces, nephews and cousins.

REV. RALPH H. MORRIS

Rev. Ralph Morris was born in Port Greville, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. He was a graduate of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario and Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. He served as a minister for more than 40 years. He was a veteran of World War II.

Rev. Morris passed away on January 7, 2004 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; one daughter, Wendy; one son, Wayne and one granddaughter.

REV. DAVID C. PORTER

Rev. David Porter was born in Tatamagouche, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. Feeling called to the Christian Ministry, David attended and graduated from Acadia Divinity College in 2003. He served the Newport Baptist Church, Scotch Village, Nova Scotia after his graduation and ordination. Prior to his interest in ministry, Mr. Porter obtained his millwright, auto mechanic and

machinist certificates through his employment with DND, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He and his wife opened Porter's Custom Trophy and Engraving in Brooklyn and Kentville.

Rev. Porter passed away on April 11, 2004 at the age of 40. He is survived by his wife, Shawna; one daughter, Jessie; two sons, Zachary and Isaac; his parents, Rev. Doug and Ella Porter; his paternal grandmother, Lillian Porter; two brothers, Phillip and Andrew; one sister, Sandra and several nieces and nephews.

REV. LORNE DOUGLAS RYAN

Rev. Lorne Ryan was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honors at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. He obtained a Master of Divinity degree from Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville. An ordained minister of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, he assisted in the establishment of two new churches, Coldbrook and Porters Lake United Baptist Churches. Later in life he was the Executive Director of the Federation of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems of Nova Scotia. He held a number of church positions at Stevens Road United Baptist Church and South End United Baptist Church in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

Rev. Ryan passed away on June 4, 2004 at the age of 57. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; one daughter, Sarah; one son, Andrew; stepchildren, Kim, Sheri, Tracy and Rodney and two sisters, Michelle and Kelly.

REV. ARMAND G. J. STEEVES

Rev. Armand Steeves was born in Hillsborough, New Brunswick. He was a graduate of Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia with a BA, BD, BEd and MA. He taught school in New Brunswick and Quebec. He held pastorates in Baptist Churches in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.

Rev. Steeves passed away on July 11, 2004 at the age of 88. He was predeceased by one sister, Marion, and three brothers, Horace, Frank and Stanley. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; two daughters, Sharon and Sandra; one son, Garth; two grandsons, Dale and Darryl; two granddaughters, Sacha and Sarah; great grandchildren, Nathan, Hope and Ruby and several nieces and nephews.

REV. DR. CHARLES JAMES TAYLOR

Rev. Charles Taylor was born in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. He was educated at Acadia University and Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He taught at Acadia Divinity College for fifty years. He pioneered clinical pastoral education in Canada and developed a diploma program in prison ministry. He received many honours including a Doctor of Divinity from University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Mr. Taylor was awarded the inaugural Taylor Award by

Corrections Canada in 2001 and in the same year was invested as a member of the Order of Canada.

Rev. Taylor passed away on June 10, 2004 at the age of 86. He was predeceased by one sister, Audrey. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; one son, David; one daughter, Dawn; four grandsons, Joshua, Quentin, Jason and Ryan; one granddaughter, Stephanie; five great grandchildren, Sarah, Charles, Emily, Nadya and Olivia and one nephew, Charles.

REV. EARL DOUGLAS WARD

Rev. Earl Ward was raised in Cambridge, Kings County, Nova Scotia. He studied at Acadia University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He began his theological studies at the School of Theology but left to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. He returned to the School of Theology from 1945 to 1947 and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Acadia University. He also studied at Andover Newton Theological Seminary and received his STM. He registered at Boston University and completed all the course requirements for the PhD. He ministered at Immanuel Baptist Church, Ipswich, Mass.; Paradise/Clarence Church and First Baptist Church, Dartmouth in Nova Scotia. After retirement he accepted a position as Chaplain on staff with the Mental Health Clinics in Wolfville, Kentville and Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Rev. Ward passed away on July 13, 2004 at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; one son, Gary; two daughters, Elizabeth and Sandra; one grandson, Geoffrey; four granddaughters, Lisa, Sarah, Sieta and Jennifer; six great grandchildren, Brandon, Brooke, Mikayla, Joshua, Warren and Carson and several nieces and grand nephews.

REV. ROY F. WEAVER

Rev. Roy Weaver passed away on October 8, 2004 at the age of 92. Mr. Weaver served as a pastor in the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. He was predeceased by an infant son, three grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He is survived by his wife, E. Mildred; two sons, Gordon and Charles; four daughters, Elanor, Rita, Margaret and Linda; one brother, Barton; four sisters, Avis, Evelyn, Mary and Clara; 18 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.