

## **Clergy Obituaries – 2010**

### **REV. KENNETH MILTON HUGHES**

Rev. Kenneth Hughes was born in Lakeview, New Brunswick. He began teaching in public schools at an early age and then went on to university where he received his Bachelor in Theology and later his Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Bachelor in Divinity and Bachelor in Education. He enjoyed a long career as Pastor in several churches in the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches until his retirement.

Rev. Kenneth Hughes passed away on January 25, 2010 at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Hill); children Lynette Carson (Gary), Laurie LeBlanc (Dan), John of Hampton, Mary Hughes, and seven grandchildren.

### **REV. THOMAS "TOM" MILFORD TOWNSEND**

Rev. Tom Townsend was born in Lockport, Nova Scotia. He was a Pastor for over 40 years and served in churches in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and presently he was the pastor of Doaktown Baptist Church, NB.

Rev. Tom Townsend passed away on March 19, 2010 at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife Linda (Quick); children Heidi (Clinton) of Fredericton, NB and Adam (Meghan) of Halifax, NS; three grandchildren; sister, Kathleen (Wayne) Williams of Osborne Harbour, NS and brother, Carmen (Carolyn) Townsend of Kingston, NS and several nieces and nephews.

### **REV. DR. HOWARD HEATH TAYLOR**

Rev. Dr. Howard Heath Taylor attended Acadia University, BA (1956) as well as the Acadia Divinity College, Master of Divinity (1957), having a number of student pastorates in the area. After language training in Portugal, Howard was a missionary in Angola, returning to Nova Scotia in 1961, and then studied Pastoral Clinical Training in Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Canning, Nova Scotia in 1962, where he served as pastor to Canning, Pereaue, and Blomidon. He went to Indianapolis, Indiana where he was given a fellowship to study in the field of Chaplaincy. Moving back to Nova Scotia in 1967, he resided in Port Williams. Among his many accomplishments Howard was appointed executive director of the Institute of Pastoral Training, was named National President for the Canadian Association of Pastoral Education for Hospital and Correctional Institutes, serving full time with the corrections facility in Springhill, working for Family and Children's Services in Bridgewater. He served as the Director of Chaplaincy Services for New Brunswick and in 1981 became the chaplain of Kings County Rehabilitation Centre until his retirement in 1995. During most of these years he worked as an adjunct professor for Acadia Divinity College.

Rev. Dr. Howard Taylor passed away in Kentville, NS, on May 8, 2010 at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (Marshall); sons, David (Sandra), Scotts Bay; Bruce (Brenda), Cole

Harbour; Paul (Joyce), Lakeville; Wayne (Laurel), Kentville; daughter, Nancy, Ottawa; ten grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Robert, five nieces and nephews, and his cousin Marjorie McKay and family.

### **REV. C. RODEN EVANS**

Rev. Roden Evans pastored in several baptist churches in Ontario and West End Baptist Church, Halifax, NS (1975-1978). He passed away on May 16, 2010 at the age of 93. He is survived by his wife Winifred of 66 years; children Janet (Scott), Ken (Maria), Stephen (Karen), and Jean (Doug); seven children, 5 great-grandchildren, as well as a brother, Peter.

### **REV. HORACE FREDERICK GARDNER**

Rev. Horace Gardner taught High School math and sciences for 25 years in New Brunswick and Quebec. He entered into ministry in later years and was pastor for over 30 years with Baptist Convention's in Dixville Baptist Church, Quebec, Wentworth United Baptist Church, Westchester United Baptist Church, Bay View (Port Maitland) United Baptist Church, Beaver River United Baptist Church, Sandford United Baptist Church, Port Bickerton United Baptist Church and, after his retirement continued to preach in Black River United Baptist Church. He was very active in The Gideon's for over 30 years.

Rev. Horace Gardner passed away in Kentville, NS, on May 28, 2010, at the age of 83. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie, of almost 54 years. He is survived by his daughter, Donna (John) Neufeld, son, Rodney (Luz-Maria), four grandchildren, two step grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and two step great grandchildren.

### **REV. DR. JOHN W. HAMMOND**

Rev. Dr. John W. Hammond was born on July 19, 1938 in Bell Island, Newfoundland. Rev. Dr. Hammond was the eldest son of the late Victor and Marie (Blackmore) Hammond. John Hammond was a "Bye from the Bay", Conception Bay. He was born and raised on the red rocks of its iron ore shores and he never forgot his roots. He wrote about its history and culture in his many books as he was an accomplished author and Newfoundland historian. Through his almost 50 years with Joan in active ministry for their Lord, they worked throughout New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Ontario, sometimes in conditions that only God's love could explain. He had a style all his own to reach deeply into the community for the cause of Christ. John Hammond was a friend of people.

Rev. Dr. John W. Hammond, 72, passed away peacefully on July 19, 2010 at the Victoria General Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Joan A. (McCroory); his children, Marie Callaghan (Kevin), Leila Paddock (Dean), James (Susan), Mike, Sean, Margaret Hammond- Cotter (Donnie), adopted child, Crystal (Jamie), birth mother, Cathy, adopted child, Amanda, birth mother Marie; his foster children, Marie Wolfe (Dale), and Cathy Doey (Jim); his grandchildren, Lorne, Melissa, Peter, Kyra, Alyssa, Sophia, Aleea, Cameron, Kail, Kinton, Kelsee, Keygan, Tanya, and Jerry; and great-

grandchildren, Shelby, Frances, and Jack James; his brother and sisters, Lorne (Aina), Marion Mercier (Paul), Doreen Vanhumbeck (Fred), Judy Warford (Wayne); as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a wonderful younger sister, Marge.

### **REV. DR. DONALD EDWARD FAIRFAX**

Rev. Dr. Donald Edward Fairfax was born in the community of Cherry Brook, Nova Scotia on August 22, 1919. His birth mother was the late Rita Mae Beals and he was the adopted son of the late Charles and Martha (Spriggs) Fairfax. On August 30, 1950 he married Marjorie Joan (Tynes) Fairfax of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia at Victoria Road United Baptist Church. Together they were blessed with six children (four daughters and two sons). He was the first appointed Moderator of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia in 1956, serving a two year term until 1958. He has also served as Moderator from 1971-72 and 1979-80. At the time of his death he served the Association as Senior Councillor. He was the Pastor of the Victoria Road United Baptist Church, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia from 1947-1997. The Victoria Road United Baptist Church bestowed the honour of Minister Emeritus upon him in September 2002. In 2007 he received honorary Doctor of Law by Saint Mary's University.

He was predeceased by brothers: Hilton (Buddy), Freeman and Aubrey Ross, Dartmouth. He is survived by sisters: Florence Sparks, Cherry Brook, Joan Ross, Halifax, Benvie Madden, Vancouver, and Mona Beals, Ontario; Children: Elizabeth Thomas (Donald), Atlanta Ga., Donald Edward Fairfax Jr. Dartmouth, Paula Patricia Fairfax (Erling Neilson), Toronto, David Isaac Fairfax (Joanne), Somerset, Myra Joan Fairfax (Ed Brown), Halifax, Andrew Perry, Halifax, Lois Naomi Fairfax (Michael), Toronto; Grandchildren: Miessha (Thomas) Stennis, Jeni Thomas, Natalie-Anne Fairfax, Amanda Fairfax, Andrea Fairfax, Ashley Fairfax, Jackson Fairfax- Perry, Alana Fairfax, Meelo Fairfax-Angod, Gillian Garland-Fairfax and Micha Fairfax-Angod. Great grandchildren: Nakeith Fairfax, Madison Steenis.

### **REV. CALVIN GEORGE SYMONDS**

Rev. Calvin George Symonds was born in Upper Hammonds Plains. Rev. Symonds was the son of the late George and Madeleine (Francis) Symonds. Rev. Symonds accepted the Lord as his Saviour in his late 30's, yielding to God's call to the Christian Ministry; he left his Job as a welder to pursue "full-time" studies at Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Rev. Symonds served as a licentiate pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Upper Hammonds Plains, for several years and, upon completion of his divinity studies, was ordained as a Minister on October 12, 1978. In addition to his years at Emmanuel Baptist, he also served at several churches of the African United Baptist Association (AUBA), namely Zion United Baptist (Truro), Cornwallis Street Baptist (Halifax) and first "full time" Minister at Saint Thomas Baptist Church (North Preston): he also pastored Pilgrim Baptist Church in Winnipeg from 1994-1995. He served as Moderator of the AUBA and was an active participant in the Laymen's Council. In addition, Calvin served on the board of Children's Aid Society, Truro and the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children.

Rev. Calvin George Symonds, at the age of 73, surrounded by loved ones, went home to be with his Lord on November 29, 2010, in Dartmouth General Hospital. He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon (Smith); sons, Sterling (Joyce), Calvin Marcell (Yvette), Garth-Matthew; daughters, Enid (Dionisio), Melissa (Otis), Natalie (Anthony); step daughter, Rachelle; brother, Elwood (Joyce); sisters, Thelma, Georgina (Malcolm), Genevieve; 14 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nephews and nieces, and god daughter, Micah Smith. He was predeceased by his parents; his first wife, Carole (Jones); daughter, Carolanne; son, Randolph Evan; brother, Victor and sister, Loretta.