

## **Clergy Obituaries – 2005**

### **REV. DR. EDWARD NELSON BEZANSON**

Rev. Edward Bezanson was born in White Plains, New York. Mr. Bezanson. He attended Chester Basin High School in Nova Scotia. He attended Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; received the B.A. degree from Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee; the B.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans and D.Min. degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Bezanson served in churches in New Brunswick, Virginia, Tennessee and Louisiana. He retired as pastor of Aeon Baptist Church, Chester Basin, Nova Scotia.

Rev. Bezanson passed away on December 2, 2005 at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, Eloise and two sons, Edward, Jr. and David.

### **REV. H. DOUGLAS CARLIN**

Rev. Douglas Carlin was born in Hillsborough, New Brunswick. He was educated at Hillsborough Superior School and in 1948 he studied at NB Normal School, Fredericton. He held teaching positions in Salem, Weldon and Hillsborough in New Brunswick. In 1951 he entered Acadia University, studying Psychology and Theology and was awarded BA and MDiv degrees. He ministered in Southampton, Amherst, Liverpool and Berwick Churches in Nova Scotia. After 1970 he earned the MEd degree from Acadia. He retired from teaching in 1995.

Rev. Carlin passed away on June 6, 2005 at the age of 74. He is survived by his wife, Diana; two sons, David and Derek; one grandson, Daniel; three brothers, Cyril, Donald and Gerald; three sisters, Rita, Kathryn and Ardeth and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

### **REV. GORDON LYNSIN CHAPPELL**

Rev. Gordon Chappell was born in Saint John, New Brunswick. Gordon ministered in Clementsport, Port Bickerton, Nictaux, Shelburne and Bass River Churches in Nova Scotia and in Dawson Settlement Church in New Brunswick. He taught high school in Shelburne for one year.

Rev. Chappell passed away on February 24, 2005 at the age of 69. He was predeceased by his brother, David. He is survived by one daughter, Brenda; one son, Stephen and one grandson, Jeremy.

### **REV. DR. RICHARD CLIFFORD COFFIN**

Rev. Richard Coffin was born in Boston, Massachusetts. He was educated at Boston Public Schools and graduated from South Boston High School in 1954. In 1962 he entered Acadia to study for the ministry. Dick entered the Doctor of Ministry program at American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, California and graduated with the D.Min. degree in 1974. He ministered in

churches in Nova Scotia, Alberta, Ontario and Prince Edward Island. Dr. Coffin served several years as General Secretary for the Canadian Baptist Federation.

Rev. Coffin passed away on July 29, 2005 at the age of 68. He is survived by his wife, Jeannie; one son, Mark; one daughter, Margaret; three grandchildren; one brother; two sisters and several nieces and nephews.

#### **REV. ERNEST L. CROSBY**

Rev. Ernest Crosby was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Mr. Crosby earned the degrees BA, MDiv and was ordained in 1975. He pastored in Barss Corner and Cape Sable Island in Nova Scotia and in Lancaster Baptist Church in Saint John, New Brunswick. Due to complications of Gaucher=s Disease, he retired in 1985. He had served on various Boards of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.

Rev. Crosby passed away on May 25, 2005 at the age of 58. He was predeceased by infant son, Ryan and five brothers. He is survived by his wife, Luella; one daughter, Elisabeth; two sons, Joel and Tyson; two granddaughters, Joanna and Rachel; two brothers, Mark and Laurie; three sisters, Sandi, Marti and Mary Ruth; one aunt, Edith and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

#### **REV. DR. BYRON W. FENWICK**

Rev. Byron Fenwick was born in The Glades, New Brunswick. He was educated at Acadia University (BA), Acadia Divinity College (MDiv) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (DMin). He served his Lord with gladness as pastor, denominational leader, mentor and friend. Pastorates included Baptist churches in Middleton, Kentville, Liverpool and Brooklyn in Nova Scotia as well as in St. John=s, Newfoundland. He also served as Director of Boy=s Work and Director of Training for the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, Executive Minister of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and Director of Supervised Field Education and Dean of Students at Acadia Divinity College. He served a term as President of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches as well as on various Boards and Committees of Convention.

Rev. Fenwick passed away on March 7, 2005 at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two daughters, Kim and Angie; two granddaughters, Courtney and Chelsea; three sisters, Vivian, Margaret and Janet and several nieces and nephews.

#### **REV. DR. MORRIS R. B. LOVESEY**

Rev. Morris R. B. Lovesey was born in Watford, Hertfordshire, England. He was educated at Watford Grammar School, Birmingham University (Honours BSc), Oxford University (Honours BA, MA) and the University of London (Honours BD, MTh). He was the minister at Kirby Muxloe Free Church, Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, England from 1950 to 1956 and served as the Wing Chaplain of Air Training Cadets there from 1954 to 1956. His academic career encompassed the following positions at Acadia University and Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Associate Professor of Biblical Literature, 1956 to 1958; Professor of Biblical Literature, 1958 to 1968 and Professor of Biblical Studies, 1968 - 1982. Mr. Lovesey wrote numerous reports and articles over his career and contributed book reviews to various journals and newspapers. Over his lifetime, Mr. Lovesey accumulated many honours. He received the Kitchener Scholar, Birmingham, University (1936 to 1939), the Sir John Cadman Medal, Department of Mining, Birmingham University (1938), the Neobard Scholar, Mansfield College, Oxford University (1948 to 1950) and the Faculty Fellowship for Study in England, American Association of Theological Schools (1966 - 1967). He was presented with a DD (honoris causa) for services for theological education, McMaster University (1970).

Rev. Lovesey passed away on January 9, 2005 at the age of 88. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy. He is survived by two sons, Roland and Oliver; one daughter, Rosalind; four grandsons, Bill, Andy, Tom and Mark; three granddaughters, Natalie, Nickie and Jeannie and several cousins.

#### **REV. GERALD H. MYERS**

Rev. Gerald Myers was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He graduated from United Baptist Bible Training School, Moncton, New Brunswick; Gordon College and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Wenham, Mass. He was ordained in 1968 and pastored churches in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. He was currently interim pastor at Smithtown Baptist Church in New Brunswick.

Rev. Myers passed away on February 10, 2005 at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife, Donna; one son, Andrew; four daughters, Debbie, Becky, Miriam and Rachel; one grandson, Nicholas, six granddaughters, Melanie, Lauren, Bailey, Emilie, Naomi and Maisey; two sisters, Marlene and Donna and several nieces and nephews.

#### **REV. HAZEN COLES PARENT**

Rev. Hazen Parent was born in Saint John, New Brunswick. He studied at Gordon College in Boston and attended Acadia Divinity College from which he obtained the B.D. degree. He served student pastorates in Massachusetts, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. While pastoring at Port Williams he and his wife responded to a call to serve as missionaries in Bolivia. He returned to Canada and served in churches in Scarborough, Ontario; Montreal, Quebec; Bethany Memorial, Aldershot and Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. He served as Area Minister for Western Nova Scotia for the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces.

Rev. Parent passed away on August 19, 2005 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sons, Gregory and Mark; one daughter, Carol; one sister, Lois; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

#### **REV. HARRY ERNEST WARD**

Rev. Harry Ward was born in Grangeville, Kent Co., New Brunswick. He was educated in the Baptist ministry at Moncton's United Baptist Bible Training School and Acadia University School

of Theology. Harry ministered in Port Bickerton/Sonora, Margaree Valley, South Rawdon, Springhill and First Cornwallis, Nova Scotia and Maugerville, Smithtown/Titusville/Saltsprings, New Brunswick. He also served part-time in Bass River, Nova Scotia until his retirement in 1999.

Rev. Ward passed away on August 16, 2005 at the age of 73. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; four sons, Peter, George, Richard and Andrew; one daughter, Susan; eight grandchildren; three sisters; four brothers and one uncle.