

# **Pastor Obituaries 2018**

### **REV. DENIS ROY KERWOOD**



KERWOOD, Rev. Denis Roy – age 91 of Brooklyn Yarmouth Co., N.S on January 8, 2018 entered with rejoicing into the presence of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, after a life spent in His service. Born in South Hampton, England on March 31, 1926 he was a son of the late William and Annie (Smith) Kerwood. He ministered for more than 70 years in churches in England, Yarmouth County, and PEI.

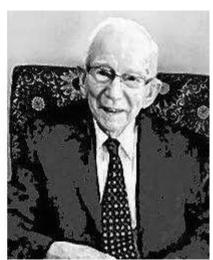
He survived by his second wife, Shirley (Hyman) Kerwood; daughters, Margaret Sewell, Darby England; Ann Kerwood, Darby England; and Elizabeth Folkins, Hampton, N.B; son, David of Toronto; sister, Marjorie Backer, South Hampton, England; 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Besides his parents Denis was predeceased by his first wife Janet Gray; son, Dennis and brother, Kenneth.

http://www.sweenysfuneralhome.net/book-of-memories/3393457/Kerwood-Rev-Denis/obituary.php.



## **REV. DR. M. ALLEN GIBSON**





It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a truly good man. Allen Gibson, formerly of Chester, passed away on January 19, 2018 at Oakwood Terrace in Dartmouth at the age of 98. He was pleased to have lived in each year of the last 100 years. He began his journey in life on December 18, 1919. Born in Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, to the late Alexander and Addie (Levy) Gibson, he always considered himself a Cape Bretoner even though he moved from the Island to the Mainland at the young age of 3 months.

He grew up in Wolfville, Nova Scotia graduating from Wolfville High School in 1937 and from Acadia University in 1941 with a B.A. majoring in Greek. He was ordained into the Baptist Ministry in August 1941and had pastorates in Moses River, Port Lorne-Hampton and Isaac's Harbour, Goldboro, New Harbour and Seal Harbour. He travelled to the "Boston States" where he studied at, and graduated from, the Newton Theological Institution with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1945.

During his time at Newton he worked the night shift as an orderly at Newton Wellesley Hospital to put himself through school. It was there, in 1944, that he met his future wife Ruth who was a nurse at the hospital. They were married on January 7th, 1948 and Ruth moved to Chester, Nova Scotia.

Allen was the minister of Chester United Baptist Church from September 1947 until April 1984 but served the people of Chester, in many capacities, for over 60 years. He worked on many denominational and community boards and committees.

He was instrumental in helping to establish Bonny Lea Farm and in bringing Shoreham Village to Chester. He was an honorary life member of the Royal Canadian Legion and a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Nova Scotia Volunteer Award. Allen was a true protector of his fellow man. It was not a duty, he felt it was an honour to serve. Anyone in need of a helping hand, no matter what their faith, knew that Allen would be



there for them. He took great delight in taking on the "government" and helped many people cut through red tape to get what they needed.

During his life he married over 600 couples and was always proud to report that most were successful. In recognition of his work in his church and community he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Divinity by Acadia University in 1966. Allen was also a prolific writer. He wrote for the Chronicle-Herald for over 40 years, retiring at age 82, and during that time contributed over 1,560 "Churches by the Sea" columns, several years of "Interlude" columns in the Novascotian and more than 25,000 editorials in the daily paper. He also published 15 books, the most well known, Train Time, about his favourite hobby. Allen loved trains, especially steam engines, and spent as much time as he could studying and travelling on trains. No trip was complete unless it included a ride on a line on which he hadn't previously travelled. He loved to travel and visited over 95 countries and all provinces and states. It was not so much the destination as the journey that he loved. Travelling also provided him with the opportunity to track down postage stamps. From the age of 12 until well into his nineties, Allen took great pleasure in saving every stamp that came his way. His collections are extensive and include comprehensive sets of stamps from several countries. Allen's quick wit and love of puns amused everyone and his gentle nature was a comfort to all who knew him.

He loved celebrations and particularly enjoyed it when his Chester Baptist family remembered him on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his ordination in 2011. He requested a party for his 95th birthday in 2014 and enjoyed every minute of it! His Chester church family honoured him with a 97th birthday celebration on December 18, 2016 which made him very happy.

Allen was predeceased on August 13, 2017 by his wife of 69 years, Ruth. He is survived by his daughters Anne MacKinnon and Peigi (Ward) Duncan. He was extremely proud of his four grandchildren: Beth MacKinnon (Rob Newman), James MacKinnon (Maeghan Pardy), Alexander Duncan (Ashleigh VanHouten) and Christina Duncan (Brett McClean). His great-granddaughter Anna Duncan-McClean brought him much pleasure. He is also survived by sisters-in-laws Anna Gibson and Margaret (Earle) Efinger and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents and wife, Allen was predeceased by his brothers Lloyd (d. 2002) and Merritt (d. 2010). Allen enjoyed his time in Oakwood Terrace and his family would like to thank the staff there for their amazing care and concern for Allen.

The funeral for Allen will be held at Chester United Baptist Church on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2pm. His dear friend Rev. Daniel Green will officiate. There will be a fellowship time in the church vestry after the service. A private burial will take place in the Old Baptist Cemetery, Chester. Memorial donations may be made to Chester Baptist Church or Bonny Lea Farm.



### **REV. KARL GUNNAR UHRSTROM**

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to God's faithful servant Karl Gunnar Uhrstrom, who passed away on February 6, 2018. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by his precious wife of 33 years, Miriam Uhrstrom of Belleville, his two brothers, Bengt Uhrstrom and Bosse Uhrstrom and their families of Stockholm Sweden, and his Canadian family, Miriam's brother and sisters and their families.

He will always be remembered and cherished by the indigenous peoples of Bolivia in Vacas region of the Andes mountains for the visionary and sacrificial love he showed them by establishing the Bolivian Water Project, bringing clean water wells to every single family of 13 villages high in the Andes mountains, saving countless lives and giving them hope for their children to survive. Karl was a man of faith, courage, vision and determination with an amazing sense of adventure, justice and compassion for everyone, especially those who needed a fresh start in life and hope for their future.

He was generous and kind, with an inner strength and amazing resiliency. He lived many years with the debilitating muscle disease, IBM (Inclusion Body Myosyitis) which in the end put him in bed and took away his freedom of movement. But he was never defeated. Karl has made a great impact on many peoples' lives as a friend, pastor, missionary, neighbour, husband, brother and brother-in-law. He is now safe in the arms of Jesus, rejoicing in the many blessings that God bestowed on him and the amazing love that God showed in giving Karl all of his hearts desires.

Karl was ordained by the United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces (Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada) in 1987. He and Miriam served CBAC churches including Barss Corner and Parkdale Maplewood Baptist Churches in the 1990s.

Friends are invited to call at the Steele Funeral Home, Moira Street Chapel, 30 Moira Street West (613-968-2273) on Friday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Funeral Service will be held at Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, 34 Victoria Avenue on Saturday, February 10th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation at the Church from 12:30 until 1:30. Cremation to follow. If desired, Memorial Donations to Victoria Avenue Baptist Church for the Bolivia Water Project or to Hospice Quinte would be appreciated.

Obituary can be viewed here:

http://steelefuneralhome.ca/currentservicess43.php?command=viewArticle&ID=737¤tFeed=1&t=Uhrstrom%2C-Karl-Gunnar



### **REV. JOHN CHARLES BODDY**



Reverend John Charles Boddy – 67 of Coldbrook, Kings County, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2018 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville.

Born on April 26, 1950 in Middleton, he was a son of the late Gordon "Fred" and Cora (Redden) Boddy. John taught school for 13 years, mostly in Avonport. He graduated from Acadia Divinity College in 1985, and served the areas of Deer Island, Plaster Rock and Waterville, Caledonia and Kempt.

John is survived by his wife, Janine (Carey); one daughter, Katrina (Robert Leslie), Deer Island, NB; two sons, Adam (Theressa), Second Falls, NB; Nathan (Joanne), Greenwood; ten grandchildren, Abbygail, Kenton, Brielle, Jenna, Jody, Liam, Kaley, William, Patrick and Caleb; four great-grandchildren, Xzavier, Bailey, Christopher and Jake; one sister, Jean (Russell) Zwicker, North Alton; one brother, Brian (Nancy), Kingston; mother-inlaw, Dorothy "Doreen" Carey, Mount Denson; brothers-in-law, George (Susan) Carey, Bluff Road; Garnet (Tracey) Carey, Red Deer, AB; sisters-in-law, Diane (Dennis) Brown; Adriana (Chris) Musgrave, both of Mount Denson; numerous nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Duane.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2018 in the Coldbrook Baptist Church, where the funeral service, followed by a reception, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 16, 2018, Reverend Wayne Merrill officiating. Burial will take place in the Mount Denson Cemetery. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Flowers are welcome but due to scent sensitivity, please no lilies. Funeral



arrangements have been entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kentville.

Obituary can be viewed here:

http://www.whitefamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/123103

### **REV. SAMUEL MCEWAN HOLMES**

Rev. Samuel McEwan Holmes (July 18, 1924 – February 18, 2018) – Following a brief illness Sam passed away peacefully surrounded by his family. Predeceased by his wife, Marjorie of over 50 years (2012), he leaves behind daughters Margot, Nanaimo, BC; Marianne, London, ON and son Shaun (Tina), Vernon, BC and grandson, Samuel, Vancouver, BC. Sam was the youngest son of Charles and Margaret Holmes of Sydney Mines, Cape Breton and predeceased by brothers Spurgeon, William and sister Jessie.

Following Military Service in the R.C.A.F. WWII, Sam attended Acadia University and graduated with a Master of Divinity. He was ordained in 1953 and served as Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church Moncton and as Senior Pastor of First Amherst Baptist Church. For over 50 years he served Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Moncton, NB, Amherst, NS, and Ottawa, ON and Hull, QC At the end of his career he had the great joy of officiating at hundreds of marriages in the Ottawa area.

Sam was an avid gardener, music and art lover. In 2015, Sam moved to Nanaimo, with his Norwich Terriers, Freddie and Rufus where the three spent many enjoyable hours playing in his garden.



**REV. JOHN ROSS SULLIVAN** 



Rev. John Ross Sullivan (1932-2018), CD. Cdn Army Ret'd, Bible Hill, passed away Monday, July 2, 2018 in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in West Earltown, NS, he was the youngest son of the late Alonzo Clarence and Kate Louise (Johnston) Sullivan. John served in the Canadian Army from 1952-1979 retiring with the rank of Sgt. John's overseas service included Korea 1953-1954, Germany 1955-1957, Egypt 1965. In Canada, he served at Camp Borden, ON, Wainwright, AB, Halifax, NS, Ottawa, ON, Trenton, ON, Alert NWT and Gagetown, NB. When preparing for civilian life, he attended Queen's University, St. Thomas University and finished his Bachelor of Theology studies at Acadia University College, Wolfville, NS. John was ordained to the Christian Ministry in 1982. He served in the Oromocto Baptist Church as Assistant Pastor, Upper Gagetown U.B.C., Hampstead Pastorate, North Brookfield Pastorate, Tancook Baptist Church. After retiring he served in several churches as Interim Pastor.

John is survived by his wife Nina Lorraine (Timmons/Hanes) Sullivan; sons John Edward and David Wesley; daughter Violet Irene Beattie; grandchildren Andrew, Jessica and Alexandra Beattie; great-granddaughter Jacqueline Beattie; 1 step-grandson; sister Mable Murray; step-son Brian Hanes (Gilda); several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, John was predeceased by his first wife Joan M. I. (Hanes) Sullivan; sons, Frederick Alonzo, Douglas Ronald; step-son James Hanes; brothers, Clarence Alonzo, Lloyd Douglas, Alvin Edgar.

http://www.mattatallvarnerfh.com/obituaries/126607



**REV. JUDSON MALCOLM COREY** 



Judson Malcolm Corey, loving husband of the late Margaret (Stevens) Corey, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 12, 2018 at Ridgewood Veterans Wing. Born in East Knowlesville, NB on April 16, 1923 he was the son of the late Ira and Nellie (Brown) Corey.

In addition to his wife and parents he was predeceased by his first wife Marion (Rideout) Corey; brothers Wilfred, Robert, Thomas, Claude, Murray, Norman, Warren, Keith and Gordon; sisters Erma Shaw, Alice MacKenzie and Kathleen Foster.

Judson was a veteran of WWII serving as a private. He worked as a Baptist Minister for over 25 years (Paradise Baptist 1950-53; then to the US with the American Baptist Churches), then went back to school and became a Social Worker, retiring in 1991. He was a member of Veterans against nuclear arms, Toastmasters International, Council of Canadians and Instruments of Peace.

He is survived by his sons Fred Corey (Sandra) of Second Eel Lake, NB and Christopher Corey (Suphaphon) of St. Stephen, NB; daughter Carolyn Campbell of Liverpool, NS; sister Shirley Brooks of Florenceville; grandchildren Andrea, Charles, Bryan, Lisa and Kevin; great grandchildren Kate and Ethan; many nieces and nephews.

Interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. https://www.fundyfuneralhome.com/notices/Judson-Corey

# **REV. JOHN FREDERICK SMITH**

Smith, Rev. John Frederick (1939-2018) RCAF, RES, RET, L/Col, CD2 of Dartmouth, passed away peacefully at home on September 24th, 2018. Born in Dartmouth, he was the son of the late Ernest and Ada Smith. John received his flying training as an Air Cadet. He owned and flew several airplanes over the years, the last one he built himself. He was Commanding Officer of 18 Wing Dartmouth Air Cadets at Shearwater, then attached to Winnipeg as officer in charge of planning and mobilization. He received a certificate and pin from COPA for 50 year membership.

He was a member of the Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Offshore Trade Association of NS.

He taught Cub Scouts for 10 years. He was a founding member of Stanley Sport Aviation Club at Stanley Airport and organized the first annual Labour Day Fly In, which continues, this was the 47th year.

During his career, he worked for the major oil companies and owned and operated his own business, Genco. After that, he went to Acadia Divinity College and was ordained in the Baptist Faith. He served in several churches on the South Shore, Tancook Island, and Upper Vaughn. Then Debert, where he was also Padre for the Legion, played guitar and sang gospel music in the surrounding churches at Saturday Night Coffee Houses. He was Padre for the Air Cadet summer flying training camp at Debert for 7 years.



John retired from his last churches in New Harbour, Guysborough County, in 2013 due to poor health. Returning to Dartmouth, he joined Bethel United Baptist Church where he served as deacon and associate pastor.

He is survived by his devoted wife Marie of 58 years, and 3 sons Peter Allan (Debra), John Steven (fiancée Leslie), and Christopher Robert (Lois), sisters; Doris, Christina, and Victoria, grandchildren; Abbey, Kyle, Ryan, Lauryn, Nicole, Rebecca, Andrew, and Aimee, and great-granddaughter, Niveah

He was predeceased by brother Raymond, and Boy in infancy, sisters; Constance, Jean, and Gerine.

Family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to Bethel United Baptist Church.

Service will be at Bethel United Baptist Church, 316 Windmill Rd., Dartmouth, Thursday September 27th at 11:00am, reception to follow in the church hall. Officiated by Rev. Dr. Vance Arbeau. Interment to follow in Dartmouth Memorial Gardens, 767 Main St.

Online condolences may be made by visiting <a href="https://www.arbormemorial.ca/atlantic-dartmouth/obituaries/rev-john-frederick-smith/24263">https://www.arbormemorial.ca/atlantic-dartmouth/obituaries/rev-john-frederick-smith/24263</a>.



**REV. DONALD GORDON HIRTLE** 

Age 70, Berwick, Kings Co., passed away suddenly on Thursday, September 27, 2018, at home.

Born in Berwick, on March 29, 1948, he was a son of the late Everette L. and Mary I. (Carter) Hirtle. Donald was an avid collector and along with his wife had lived in Ontario after their marriage. He later had been employed at Larsen Packers Ltd., Berwick, for 11 years.

Donald served for a total of 22 years in Christian ministry, graduating from Acadia Divinity College in 1999, and had pastored with a passion in various Baptist congregations in Nova Scotia.



Surviving are his wife of 48 years, the former Jean L. Best; daughter, Marie (Daryl) Lainson, Kitchener, Ont.; granddaughter, Hannah; sisters, Evelyn (Carl) Palmer, Nicholsville; Marianne (Bruce) Brydon, Black Rock; brothers, Francis (Sandra) Hirtle, Burlington; Brian (Glenda) Hirtle, Viewmount; sister-in-law, Phyllis Hirtle, Pinehurst; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by brothers Everette Jr. and Robert Hirtle; niece, Faylene Palmer; great-nephew, Damon Woods.

There will be no visitation. Funeral service will take at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 3, in Berwick Baptist Church, 265 Commercial St., Berwick. Rev. Leon Langille officiating, with interment in Burlington Cemetery.

http://www.middletonfuneralhome.com/obituary/rev-donald-hirtle?lud=7B685E092137670C9BE21A53BF7F3764

### **REV. HENRY BOEHM**

Age 84, of Truro, passed away on Thursday, October 25, 2018, after a brief illness. Born in Rotterdam in 1934 to Adolph Boehm and Wijntje van Berkel, Henry's family survived the devastation of the Second World War, setting their hearts on a new life in Canada. In 1952, the family arrived at Pier 21, settling in Ontario.

There, Henry felt the call to ministry and departed for Reformed Bible College, where he met his wife and lifelong ministry partner, Jane DeKam. From rural Michigan, to Ontario's north, and finally in beloved Nova Scotia, Henry and Jane faithfully served the church and nurtured a loving family of six children. Henry was known for his faithful pastoral care, wise preaching and his sweet and gentle demeanor. Henry was a gifted orator (still preaching at 84), a fun and engaging storyteller, a servant leader, a car aficionado, a lover of pipe organs and the sea. Charming and handsome, steady and faithful, an adored father, papa and husband, Henry was loved as greatly as he loved.

Predeceased by his parents; brothers, Dolph and Frank; sister, Hedwig; son, Marcus. Survived by wife, Jane; sisters, Joanne and Frieda; children, Stephen and Brenda (DeKam); Elizabeth and Gerald (Wilson); David and Miyuki (Yamada); Rachel and Peter (Van Harmelen); Thomas and Chikako (Muramoto); grandchildren, Charles (Jodi), Emily (Nate), Ian (Jolene), Mannfred, Asuka, Erin, Tomoya, Marissa, Annalies, Andrew and great-grandchildren, Elijah, Ruth, Nathan and Ethan.

https://www.thechronicleherald.ca/obituaries/henry-boehm-9817



## **REV. HAROLD HOWARD PRICE**



Rev. Harold Howard Price, 79, of East Newbridge NB passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the Upper River Valley Hospital Waterville NB. Harold was born in East Newbridge NB on May 18, 1939 son of the late Earl and Myrtle Price.

Harold is survived by his wife, Carol Price, children; Pamela Cameron (Adam), Todd Baird (Tracey), Dan Baird (Michelle), Adam Secord (Misty), grandchildren, AJ, Tabitha, Tim, Paige, Hannah, Cameron, Kennedy, Kaedy, Kasey, Riley, Jacob, sister, Fern Stairs, Eldora Chase, brother, Glenn Price (Louise), several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Besides his parents, Harold was predeceased by sisters, Mona, Juanita, brothers, Jimmy and Garnett.

http://www.carletonfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/129434



# **REV. HAROLD WEIR BENTLEY**





Harold Bentley, 86, of Riverview, passed away suddenly at the Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital Centre on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Born in Winnipeg, MB, he was the son of the late George and Viola Bentley.

Harold served in the Royal Canadian Air Force prior to coming to the Maritimes to attend Acadia University, where he graduated in 1966 with his Bachelor of Theology degree. During his student days, he pastored at several churches throughout Nova Scotia.

Harold's parents died when he was a year and a half, so he lived to his mid teens in foster care. He was blessed to meet a family who became like another family, a "Dad and Mom" and six siblings. When "mom" Baker died, she had included Harold in her will. What a wonderful family. Harold pastored in Margaretville, NS, Dartmouth, NS, Overton, NS, Parrsboro, NS, Jacksonville, NB, Second North River, NB, Havelock, NB, as well as several interim times in the Moncton / Riverview area after his retirement in 1996.

Harold will be sadly missed by his wife, Pat (Porter) Bentley; children, Catherine Babineau, Ann Couture and Robert Bentley (Pam); grandchildren, Joshua Couture, Rebecca Couture, Sarah Babineau and Jordan Bentley; sister, Helen Lyons of Winnipeg; and many nieces and nephews.

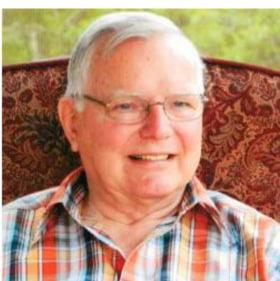
In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Tom Sykes and father and mother-in-law, Joseph and Lovell Manuel.

http://www.fergusonsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/130058



## **REV. JAMES ALBERT COWAN**





James A. Cowan, 85 passed away at Kenneth E. Spencer Memorial Home Friday, December 28, 2018 with family at his side.

It is fitting this Christmas season, when we remember the excitement of those who first laid eyes on Jesus that Dad has walked into that same extraordinary joy. Seeing Jesus face to face. Imagine. Born in Saint John, NB, May 17, 1933 to Robert Murray and Mary Addy Cowan, Dad started loving Jesus when he was just a boy. Blessed to marry Dorothy Lena (Jones) in 1955, together they pastored Baptist churches, and mentored pastors in NS and NB. He was happy to be actively involved in various ministries, whether a year as President of the Atlantic United Baptist Convention or on their Overseas Mission Board (now CBM). Dad had a great capacity for teaching, reading and/or preparing reports, and attending committee meetings, but I think his first love was Christian camping.

Whether wrestling Camp Jordan from dream to reality, evening Vespers under the pine tree at his beloved Camp Wildwood, hiking to Crooked Creek, or sleepless at "Frosty" in Stoney Creek, Dad eagerly got on board. Understanding that Christian camping experiences changed lives, Dad was willingly involved from under-brushing to directing in our Baptist church camps.

Left behind with lots of memories are his sister Mary Cowan of Moncton, children Paul (Donna) of New Minas, NS, Beth Power (Dan) of Salisbury, NB, Barb Parker (Paul) of Stoney Creek, NB and David (Tara) of Rothesay, NB.

Grandchildren Jonathan Power (Alison), and their children Annabel, Juliana and Gordon; Matthew Power (Emily) and their children Rebekah and Andrew; Nathan Cowan (Becky) and their children Hannah, Kaitlyn and Heather; Joshua Cowan (Kristi) and their children



Micah and Isaac; Stephanie O'Connor (Dan) and their children Nathaniel, Abigail and Hannah; Jeffrey Cowan (Karina); Justin Cowan (Ashley) and their baby James.

He carries our hugs and kisses to those who've gone before, his Dad (1971), and Mom (1993), sister Ruth (1999), his darling Dorothy (2012), and our sweetie pie Madeline Joy Power (2014).

Interment at Pine Hill Cemetery.

http://www.keirsteads.ca/obituaries/130541