

OBITUARIES

The Reverend Dr. E. Leicester Bigby (June 14, 1931 – January 1, 2020)

Leicester Bigby, of Mississauga, served in congregations in Plainfield, Roslin, Tomasburg, Enniskillen, Tyrone and Welland in Ontario as well as Montreal's Union United Church. He retired in 1997 and most recently was a member of Grace United Church in Brampton. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Bill Boyd (April 7, 1941 – September 6, 2019)

Bill Boyd, of Parry Sound, served pastoral charges in Morriston/Aberfoyle as a student. After his ordination in 1971, he moved to Saskatchewan to serve parishes in Carrot River/Aborfield and at Calvary United Church in Prince Albert. He returned to Ontario in 1985 to St. James United Church in Parry Sound where he served until his retirement from full-time ministry in 2006. His retirement years were enriched by his ministry at Parry Sound Rural Pastoral Charge until January of 2019. Bill was the beloved husband of Margaret, father to Ruth and her husband Jim Dryden, Sarah and her husband Eric Moreau, and the late Heather; cherished Papa of Megan and Emily, Sam and Sadie, and Anna, Jacob and Sophie.

The Reverend Richard G. Cammidge (1931 – 2019)

Richard Cammidge, of Scarborough, served in Saskatchewan, Northern Quebec and lastly London, Ontario. He also did supply ministry at West Hill United Church. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, his sons Christopher and David, and grandson Carl.

The Reverend Alan Craig (January 28, 1927 – April 28, 2020)

Alan Craig, of Brampton, was active in ministry in Dufferin-Peel region for decades and at 92 was still worshipping with several local United Church congregations. After hospitalization at Christmas 2019, he returned to his home at Greenway Retirement Residence with his wife, Grace, but surrendered his car and weekly worship circuit. After a fall on April 26th, he was admitted briefly to hospital with broken ribs and died on April 28th. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Shelagh McGuire.

The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Howlett (March 12, 1930 – December 19, 2019)

Ken Howlett, of Toronto, served Ebenezer United Church in Toronto as an interim minister in 2001 as well as the congregations of Wesley Mimico in Toronto and Trinity in Annann, Ontario in the late 90s and early 2000s and congregations in Coburg and Oshawa prior to that. He is remembered as a man full of unconditional love for others, an immense passion for helping others, a strong will, bottomless wisdom, playfulness and light-heartedness. He had immense belief and support in his children and loved ones, and a strong belief that life on Earth was a school for all of our souls to learn valuable lessons, mostly about how to love others and ourselves.

The Reverend Jong Bok Kim (February 7, 1956 – June 30, 2020)

Jong Bok Kim, of Toronto, was last with Omond Memorial United Church in North Bay in Canadeian Shield Regional Council but will be fondly remembered by many in Shining Waters. Over the years, he had served at Toronto Chinese United Church, Glen Rhodes United Church and the former Beverley Hills United Church in the Toronto area. Jong Bok's long history of fighting for social justice and human rights in South Korea was profiled in Broadview magazine.

The Reverend Lindsay King (January 14, 1930 – August 14, 2020)

Lindsay King, of Toronto, had a long career in minister and served at Iondale Heights United Church in Scarborough, and at Willowdale United Church until his retirement at age 65. Over the years he was also part of a team that began the Family Life Foundation, an organization created to reach out and provide aid to all, ran for local politics in the early 1970s and wrote a regular article in the local newspaper. More recently, Lindsay developed dementia and remained under the care of his wife, son Turner and daughter-in-law Farah until having to go for his final month of life into palliative care.

Lindsay is survived by his wife, Emily Jean King, his daughter Catherine King (Wayne), and his son Turner King (Farah), as well as six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Jim Kirkwood (January 14, 1933 – September 17, 2020)

Jim Kirkwood, of Toronto, had a long and passionate commitment to social justice, and the people of the African continent. He served in Marsden, Saskatchewan, as overseas personnel in Zambia, and as Area Secretary for Africa in the Division of World Outreach of The United Church of Canada. He continued his humanitarian work after retiring in 1993 within communities of justice focused on the environment, women's rights, anti-racism, Two-Spirit and LGBTQ rights, people with different abilities, Indigenous sovereignty, arts advocacy and food security. Jim lived his faithful commitment in every aspect of his life.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marion, children Paul (Wendy Gilliam 2019), Jane (Larry), Joy, and Ken (Don), and grandchildren Laurena (Colin), Micaela, Mariana, and Roslyn.

The Reverend Johmann Kwong (December 18, 1936 – July 19, 2019)

Johmann Kwong, of Toronto, most recently served as retired supply at Toronto Chinese United Church from 2007 to 2013 and then served there as a Voluntary Associate Minister until 2016. He was also an active member in Toronto Southeast Presbytery and on the Property Finance Committee. Johmann leaves behind his wife Judy, and children Andrew (Nancy) and Lisa (Scott) as well as four grandchildren.

The Reverend Tom Lowry (November 24, 1941 – February 21, 2020)

Tom Lowry, of Barrie, was ordained in 1973 and retired in 1998. His contribution to the church and to the community of Barrie was significant. He spearheaded affordable housing for seniors and was instrumental in the establishment of Painswick United Church. He also served Northwest Barrie United Church and was Chaplain to the Barrie Police Service for 10 years. He was the beloved husband of Irene, and father of Deborah Lowry-Whitton and her husband Andrew of Barrie, and David and his wife Ann of Bracebridge. He was the loving grandfather of three grandchildren.

The Reverend Don Nash (May 8, 1947 – September 1, 2019)

Don Nash, of Mississauga, served the North Augusta Pastoral Charge while at Queen's and following ordination in 1973, served in the ministry team of the Pheasant Creek Larger Parish in Saskatchewan, at Jordan Station, Ontario and at Heart Lake United in Brampton. Following his retirement in 2009, he served as supply at High Country United. Don is survived by his wife, Marilyn, children Lisa and Dave Taylor, Andrea and Andrew Krol, Trevor and Stephanie Nash and six grandchildren.

The Reverend Dr. Robert O. Reid (September 29, 1932 – August 19, 2019)

Bob Reid, of Scarborough, received his BA from the University of Toronto and received his M.Div at Emmanuel College. He was ordained in 1959 and served in three congregations across Canada. For 10 years he worked at the United Church's film studio Berkley Studios. Bob also received his PhD in Communications from Syracuse University in New York and went on to teach as an Associate Professor at the Toronto School of Theology and Ryerson University.

He is survived by his wife, June, and his three children, Debbie (Gord), Don (Lynn), and Darren (Rose), as well as four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Reverend S. Derek Shelly (July 1948 – November 11, 2019)

Derek Shelly was ordained in 1978 and was minister at Trinity United in Huntsville from 2003 until his retirement in June of 2018. Previously, he had ministered to various congregations in Southwestern Ontario, Eastern Ontario, and on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. Before being called to the ministry he had been a schoolteacher. He was a graduate of the London Teachers' College and University of Western Ontario in London and Queen's University in Kingston, and an honorary fellow of Huntington University in Sudbury.

Derek is survived by his children Derek (Ruth Dunley), Aaron (Amanda Van Bommel), and Keri-Lynn; his grandchildren Olivia, Regin, Grace, Rose, Mekenna, and Maura; and the mother of his children, Heather Fraser.

The Reverend Malcolm Spencer (May 31, 1943 – January 25, 2020)

Malcolm Spencer, of Toronto, was ordained in 1968 and served a number of pastoral charges across Saskatchewan. In 1989 he moved to Toronto where he was chaplain at Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital. In 1996 Malcolm began his association with Glen Rhodes United Church and served as a Volunteer Associate Minister there from 2009 to 2017. From 2015 to 2018 he was supervising minister at Hope United Church. He is survived by his life partner Raphael, siblings Mary (Doug), Roger and Jim; niece and nephew Tara and Kent, and cousins Patricia (Roy).

