

## OBITUARIES

### **The Reverend Lenore Beecham** (March 28, 1928 – January 30, 2021)

Lenore Beecham trained and worked as a teacher, and then enrolled in Toronto Bible College where she met her future husband, Walter Beecham. After graduating from the Bible College Lenore enrolled in United Church's Centre for Christian Studies (majoring in Christian Education and Pastoral Care) and graduated in 1955 as a Deaconess. She and her husband were commissioned as United Church of Canada missionaries to South Korea,

Lenore attended Emmanuel College and was ordained in 1983. She accepted an appointment in late 1983 as supply minister at St James United, Etobicoke, while they searched for a new minister. In 1984 she accepted a call to nearby Richview United and in that role became the first female minister to serve full time in Toronto. Lenore served there for eight years. In 1984 her book *Song of the Soul: In Celebration of Korea* was published.

In the wider United Church, Lenore was an active member of Toronto West Presbytery and served on the Toronto Conference Justice and World Affairs Committee as well as a supporter of intercultural events and outreach. Lenore was a member of the Ethnic Ministry Committee and later the Green Audit Committee. She was a very involved member of Toronto West KAIROS.

Lenore and Walter had three children, Marilyn, Sharon and Robert.

### **The Reverend Shirley Dyck** (1936 – May 15, 2021)

Shirley Dyck was ordained in 1993 after an internship with St. Luke's Islington, and Candidate Supply with Glebe Road United, Toronto. She was subsequently called to Glebe Road United where she served until retirement in 2003.

Shirley was born and raised in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and married medical student, Frank Dyck. They shared 30 years of adventure together. It was after Frank died in 1985 that Shirley decided to go back to university and study theology.

Shirley and Frank had three children, Barry and Michael, both pre-deceased, and Carolyn and three grandchildren.

### **The Reverend Dr. C. Douglas Jay** (October 10, 1925 – January 1, 2021)

Douglas Jay served in pastoral charges of the United Church and as a professor and Principal of Emmanuel College. He was foundational in the establishment of the Toronto School of Theology. An international elder of the interfaith movement, he worked tirelessly with the World Council of Churches and The United Church of Canada promoting interfaith dialogue around the world. His contributions to theological education and interfaith work are a lasting legacy.

Douglas was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Ruth (Crooker), and is survived by his three sons: David (Kathy), Ian (Leesa) and Garth (Colleen); as well as by six grandchildren (Emily, Alex, Glynis, Catherine, Victoria and Madeleine); and by three great-grandchildren (Logan, Nathan and Ava).

**The Reverend Eek-Sun Kim** (August 14, 1923 – May 6, 2021)

Eek-Sun Kim studied theology at the Korean Theological University (Hanshin University), obtaining a Bachelor of Divinity. He completed one year of the Master of Theology program at Hanshin University followed by the Master of Theology (Th.M.) program at the Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Atlantic School of Theology on a full scholarship from The United Church of Canada.

He returned to Seoul, South Korea and was ordained in 1963 in the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea and in The United Church of Canada. He served the General Council of the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea in several different leadership roles and provided pastoral care to many churches in South Korea.

When he immigrated to Canada 1977, he served the Toronto Korean United Church until his retirement in 1988. Following his retirement, he continued to provide pastoral care to several churches including the Toronto Central United Church, Toronto Immanuel United Church and Brampton Korean United Church. Rev. Kim provided spiritual care and education to the Korean Immigrants in the Greater Toronto area well into his late 80s.

Rev. Kim is survived by his wife, Hyung-Ok; predeceased by his older son, Kyung-Hwee Stephen; son, Dr. Young-In Kim, daughter-in-law, Ruth Hall and 4 grandchildren, Michael Injune, Stephen Insung, David Inyoung and Bridget Sujin. He will be missed by his loving family.

**The Reverend Stewart W. Porteous** (April 12, 1924 – April 21, 2020)

Stewart Porteous was ordained in Vancouver in 1950. He served in the North Kamloops and Hope pastoral charges and was an assistant minister at St. Andrew's-Wesley United in Vancouver. In 1952 he was appointed a Reserve Chaplain for the RCAF and served at various locations during summer vacations for more than 20 years. In 1959 he moved to Ontario where he served at Regent Park United in Orillia and then moved to Toronto. He was Director of Curriculum Promotion at the United Church Publishing House and later served as Promotion Manager for the Observer magazine. He retired in 1989 and was actively involved with St. James United in Etobicoke.

Stewart is survived by his wife, Muriel, children Doug (Mary), Ken (Margaret), Sandra (Bill), and Greg (Cristina), as well as ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**The Reverend William Sherwin** (March 22, 1927 - October 10, 2021)

Bill was ordained in 1951, and served in Espanola, Massey, Matheson, Bronte, Guelph, St. Thomas, St. Catharines, and Long Branch. He also served as Secretary for multiple presbyteries over those years. He retired to Orillia in 1991 where he and his wife, Lois, were active members of St. Paul's United Church and the Orillia community. During his time in Orillia, Bill received the Order of Orillia, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ontario Medical Association for his volunteer work.

Bill was predeceased by his wife Lois, and son Robert. He is survived by his daughter Ruth, son John, and eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

**The Reverend Arthur Waters** (July 2, 1928 - June 14, 2021)

Art was ordained by Toronto Conference in 1953. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Emmanuel College at Victoria University in 1981. He served in four pastoral charges across Canada, including Turtleford in Saskatchewan, Platsville Ontario, St Paul's in Preston, Ontario, and Manor Road in Toronto. He was Chaplain of the Family Court and Juvenile Detention Center in Toronto, and was on staff of Toronto Conference as a Personnel Minister from 1975 - 1981. He retired in 1992 as a member of Waterloo Presbytery.

Art was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Ruby, was the father of Ian and Karen, and was grandfather of two.

