

OBITUARIES

The Reverend E. Jean Bruce (November 6, 1927 – July 13, 2022)

Jean Bruce was ordained in 1984. She served at Fairlawn United Church, Toronto, and as prison chaplain at the Metro-West Detention Centre, retiring in 1994. She was a long-time member of Eglinton St. George's United Church in Toronto.

She was predeceased by husband, Doug and is survived by sons, David, Michael, Steven and Peter, and two grandchildren.

The Reverend Clifford Campbell (August 23, 1923 – May 19, 2022)

Clifford Campbell was ordained in 1966. He was overseas personnel in Jamaica (various churches, Operation Friendship in the Kingston slums, Knox College), and served in Bolton (Cedar Glen Camp & Conference Centre) and Cambridge (Zion-St. Andrews). He retired in 1989 and served as Retired Supply at McKellar-Dunchurch Pastoral Charge for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Jutta Campbell, children Michael, Carolyn O'Higgins, Andy, Suzanne Bento, Sandy Boroumand, Ingrid Exner, and the late Monica and Derrick Exner, and six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Reverend V. Marie Goodyear (August 8, 1944 – April 17, 2023)

Marie Goodyear was ordained in 1988 and served Crystal City and Clearwater Pastoral Charge, Manitoba (1988-1997) and then Deer Park United Church, in Toronto (1999-2013). Marie was instrumental in forming the Ecumenical Shared Ministry of Deer Park United and Calvin Presbyterian. She retired in 2013 after 25 years in ordained ministry.

She is survived by distant cousins, and her Deer Park church family and friends.

The Reverend Edmund Hanssmann (September 17, 1938 – November 21, 2022)

Edmund Hanssmann was ordained in 1991 and settled at the Deutsche Evangeliums Kirche Pastoral Charge where he served until his retirement in 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Beate.

The Reverend Laura Kennedy (May 10, 1925 – July 12, 2022)

Laura Kennedy was commissioned in 1987 and retired in 1992. She was a member of Islington United Church and the former South West Presbytery of Toronto Conference.

She is predeceased by her husband, Bill, and survived by her two children, John (Cathy) and Bill (Lori), five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Barbara Laing-Hiseler (July 13, 1927 – November 13, 2022)

Barbara Laing-Hiseler was ordained in 1981. She served Dashwood-Zurich, Dunwich, Central Avenue, Bethel-Cooks Mills and All People's pastoral charges. After retirement in 1994, she was very involved with Bracebridge United Church.

She is survived by her husband, Stan Hiseler, son Ron (Donna Jo), many step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Janet MacPherson (October 17, 1941 – September 30, 2022)

Janet MacPherson was commissioned in 1969. She served as overseas personnel with the United Church, at Wesley Pastoral Charge in Regina, and with the Canadian Council of Churches. She retired in 2003.

She is survived by her wife, Dr. Miriam Skey, and their three honorary grandchildren.

The Reverend Margaret Nelson (July 9, 1934 - May 10, 2022)

Margaret Nelson was commissioned in 1960. She served with the former Toronto West and South West Presbyteries of the former Toronto Conference and retired in 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Donald.

The Reverend Dr. Neil R. Parker (February 16, 1948 – April 21, 2023)

Neil Parker was ordained in 1978. He served at Brechin, Inglewood, Churchill-Gilford, Sandford-Zephyr, Kingsview (Oshawa), Holland Centre, and Ballinafad pastoral charges before retiring in 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Rev. Linda Pennock, three children, and five grandchildren.

The Reverend Walter Ridley (January 8, 1930 – February 27, 2023)

Walter was ordained in 1953 and was settled in New Brunswick. He then served as overseas ministry personnel in Japan for 10 years. In Canada, he served at Home, Huttonville, and Norval United Churches, and Presteign-Woodbine pastoral charge. After retirement in 1996, he served as Retired Supply at Cosburn and Humber Valley United Churches. He was also an active member of Metropolitan United Church in Toronto in his retirement.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, and is survived by his daughters, Linda Mewett and Donna Ridley, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Warren Schell (January 10, 1946 – May 23, 2022)

Warren Schell was ordained in 1996 and served at churches in Hagersville, Trinity Newmarket, Aurora, Brown's Corners and Victoria Square pastoral charges. He retired in 2012.

He is survived by his husband, John Ross.

The Reverend Fritz Schmidt (March 14, 1925 – February 12, 2023)

Fritz Schmidt was ordained in 1958. He served congregations in Saskatchewan and Ontario until 1967 and subsequently served for 18 years in Family Ministry at the General Council Office. He retired in 1989.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, two sons, Jonathan (Annerose) and Tim (Janice), two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Reverend Molly Thomson (October 22, 1956 – December 30, 2022)

Molly Thomson was ordained in 1990, and served at Sutton-Dunham, Brown's Corners, Victoria Square and St. Mark's, Whitby, pastoral charges. She retired in 2020.

She is survived by her children, Ian and Alex.

The Reverend Cecil Tiller (May 25, 1934 – September 17, 2022)

Cecil Tiller was ordained in 1965. He served Stouffville, Thorncliffe Park, Sandford-Zephyr, and Queensville-Holland Landing, as well as pastoral charges in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He retired in 1997.

He is survived by his children, Janice Prince (Rob), and Geoff Tiller (Stacey), and three grandchildren.

The Reverend Laurence Wood (March 13, 1953 – April 18, 2023)

Laurence Wood was ordained in 1980, and served Locks United Church in Baysville, St. Paul's in Orillia, and Westminster United Church in Orangeville. He retired in 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle, children Christal (Thomas), Mary Ellen (Rob), and Phil (Kate), and six grandchildren.