

Pastor Obituaries 2014

REV. DOUGLAS S. KINSMAN

On Monday, January 27, 2014 Rev. Douglas Kinsman, husband of Barbara (Small) Kinsman went to be with his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Douglas was born on November 21, 1924 in Saint John to the late Charles and Agnes (Ingraham) Kinsman. He was ordained at Germain Street Baptist Church in 1962 where he was associate pastor. Rev. Kinsman served in Kincardine, ON, Cornwall, ON, Kingsville, ON, Hartland, NB and retired from Gunningsville, NB. He was a past member of the Rotary Club and the Golden K – Kiwanis Club. In his spare time, he enjoyed curling, skiing, skating and had a love for music. Douglas is survived by his adored wife of over 58 years, Barbara; sister, Betty Anderson (William) of Goderich, ON and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Peggy Herrington.

REV. GEORGE A. MORRISON

Rev. George Morrison, husband of the late Genevieve (Strothard) of Saint John, formerly of Ottawa, left his earthly home to be with his Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at his residence in Ridgewood Veterans Wing. Born May 24, 1925 in Saint John, he was a son of the late Donald and Frances (Earl) Morrison.

George lived a full life in his almost 89 years, and had various interests. He served in World War II as a paratrooper and a drill sergeant. He completed four degrees: his Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education, Masters of Education, and Masters of Divinity. He was a pastor in rural New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Ontario. He taught English, history, and math at a high school level, and was a Vice Principal and Principal before becoming a Guidance Counsellor. He also was a Professor at the University of Ottawa, where he was a member of the team that created the guidance program in the Faculty of Psychology. He was a hockey, volleyball, and basketball coach, a boxer, a lifeguard, member of a choir, a great storyteller, and worked alongside his wife at Baptist Union Youth Camp, CGIT, youth, and family camps. He was an avid sailor and enjoyed time around the water.

George was ordained by the CABC in 1953 and served as pastor in the Fredericton area and Glace Bay Baptist Church (NS).

George is survived by his daughter, Sheila Morrison (Leon Schiebel) of Calgary, AB; son, John (Sonia) of Constance Bay, ON; grandchildren: Graham, Maggie, Christine, Rebecca, Rachel, Amanda, Ross, and Matthew; brothers: Donald and Darryl (Ann), both of Westfield; sister, Mary Ann White (Bill) of Oromocto; and several nieces and nephews. Besides his wife and parents, George was predeceased by his sister, Agnes Collins.

PASTOR TIMOTHY ALAN BIGELOW

Pastor Timothy Alan “Tim” Bigelow – 59 of Woodville, Kings County. The Lord Himself came to claim that of which was His. As He promised, “I will come back and take you to be with Me that you may be where I am.” To the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, May 4, 2014, Pastor Tim received his victory over cancer and death. Born in Cape Breton, he was the son of the late Louis and Joyce (Goldsmith) Bigelow.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife, Christina (Bond) Bigelow; a son, Timothy L. (Kara), Halls Harbour; a daughter, Melissa (Adam Ogilvie), Debert. He was Gramps to Brandon, Bryce, Jemma and Addison. He was a brother to David (Bette) Bigelow, Sackville and Edythe (Larry) Peterson, Greenwich. He was a spiritual brother to David Crocker, Black Rock and Charles Brothers, Woodville. He was a son to godparents, Una and Wally Maddison, Berwick. He was predeceased by, and has now joined, his grandson, Noah Alan Bigelow.

Tim loved to sing and play the guitar and was given the talent to write and compose many songs for God’s glory. When he was younger, Tim loved to play hockey. It was then that he organized the team the “The Lakeville Flying Aces” and a league of six teams. He loved to play baseball, especially the tournaments for David Walsh and finished up his years in the Gentlemen’s League in Kentville. Tim was also the founder of the Food Bank Challenge involving several Baptist Churches. He started the outdoor services when he was ministering at the Burlington Baptist Church, involving several Baptist Churches in the area. He organized the Open Heart Outreach Ministry that conducts a church service every other Sunday at Shannex – Orchard Court in Kentville. He was Pastor Emeritus of the Burlington Baptist Church, an honour given to him this past December after 12 years of faithful service. He served as Chaplain of his beloved Waterville and District Volunteer Fire Department and also as Chaplain of the Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre in Waterville. Before God called him into the ministry, he worked at Hostess Foods for 28 years.

REV. BETTY MARIE SCHOFIELD

Age 69, of Halifax, Rev. Betty Schofield passed away peacefully on May 3, 2014, Centennial Building, QEII. She was born October 28, 1944, in Burin, N.L., to Clyde and Grace Hollett. She is survived by her son, Ron (Sharon Campbell) Schofield, Halifax; her sisters, Dorothy (Robert) Woods, Halifax and Judy (David King) Hollett, Halifax; nephew, Graham King, Halifax; nieces, Kimberley (Craig) Hayward, Halifax; Tamara (Mike Coombs) Woods, San Francisco; Emily King, Yellowknife, N.W.T.; grand nephews, Kohen, Taigen and Reis Hayward, Halifax; Emmitt and Nate Coombs, San Francisco; grand niece, Gwynna Coombs, San Francisco.

Her love of learning naturally lead her to a lifetime of teaching. With a big heart and never one to back down from a challenge, she specialized in remedial education. Her skills as a teacher made big differences in the lives of those she tutored. She took great joy in her profession and viewed education as a key to open many doors. Her biggest and most enduring gift was encouraging and teaching others to learn to read.

Betty was a member of Birch Cove Baptist Church and lived her life with guidance from Christian teachings. With the openness of the church, she became a deacon and later was ordained as a minister. She volunteered with many different organizations. Her caring, giving, and thoughtfulness had no bounds. Her friendships spanned time, distances, and lifestyles. Following her Christian beliefs, she judged no one and believed that love for others and faith could overcome all obstacles. She was a unique individual and danced by the beat of her own drum. One of the brightest candles in a lot of people's lives just dimmed.

REV. DENNIS RUSSELL LEAMONT

Dennis was called home by His Heavenly Father on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at age 62. Born in Truro, he was a foster son of Stuart and Hazel (Corebett) Rector.

His mother, through her Christian faith groomed him for his calling to serve as Pastor in various communities – Debert, Belmont, Bathurst, N.B., Milton, Plymouth (Yarmouth Co.) and Falmouth. Dennis attended Atlantic Baptist College and graduated from Acadia University and Acadia Divinity College where he was honoured with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. He served Atlantic Baptist Convention on a number of boards, including: Atlantic Baptist Foundation, Atlantic Baptist Pension and Insurance Board and Atlantic Baptist Senior Citizen's Homes Inc. During his years of pastoring, Dennis not only ministered to his churches but served the communities in various capacities. His smile and twinkle in his eyes always brought comfort and peace to those he came in contact with.

Dennis is survived by wife, Judy (Kaiser); daughter, Danielle (Donald) Hammarth; sons, Andrew (fiancée K.K Pinkowski) and Timothy (Ashley) Leamont; grandchildren, Donald Scott and Kiana Hammarth; Owen and Cameron Leamont; Colton and Reese Leamont; brother, Gordon (Olive) Rector; sisters, Laura (Charles) Fulton, Eva (Jack) Giddens. He was predeceased by brothers, Harold and Ronald Rector; sisters, Catherine McLellan, Davida Bradshaw and Rena Elaschuk.

<http://www.demontfamilyfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/90141>

REV. BURLIN RANDOLPH "RANDY" FAWKES

It is with overwhelming sadness that we say our goodbyes to Randy as he was ushered into Heaven on July 28, 2014. Born in St. Stephen, NB, on March 10, 1950, he was the son of the late Douglas and Carmen (Bartlett) Fawkes.

Randy received a BSC in Forestry from UNB in 1973. He later received Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Acadia University, as well as a diploma in Prison Ministry. He was pastor of Wilmot United Baptist Church from 1984-1989, after which Randy was the Protestant Chaplain at the Atlantic Institution in Renous. He then became the Baptist Chaplain at Saint John Regional Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital from 1999-2010.

He is survived by his wife Sharon (Chase) and his children Kim of Saint John, Steven (Amy) of Calgary, Joel of Miramichi and Rebecca at home; grandchildren Naomi, Thane, Aidan, Nathan, Julia, Ava, and Alana. He is also survived by his sister Susan of Fredericton and half-brother Jerry (Theresia) of St. Stephen. Also, he was predeceased by his half-brother Doug.

<http://www.kennebecasisfh.com/Obituaries/90242/>

REV. DR. DANIEL “DAN” ARTHUR DRYER

Daniel “Dan” Arthur Dryer, husband of 63 years to Barbara Dryer, passed away on August 29th, at the Rocmaura Nursing Home. He was born in Sparrowbush, New York on July 7, 1930. Early on, Dan’s family moved to Brooklyn, where he spent his childhood. He was the son of the late Thomas and Elsie Dryer. He had six siblings: Phil (deceased), Muriel, Helen (deceased), Al (deceased), Walt, and Judy (deceased). Dan met Barbara Dahlbom at Providence Bible College and they married on June 23, 1951. After completion of his studies at Gordon Theological Seminary in 1957, they moved with their two children to New Brunswick, to lead a church in Temperance Vale. They then moved with their expanding family to Newfoundland in 1961, to a church in Placentia Bay. In 1967, with five children in tow, they returned to serve churches in New Brunswick, most notably Germain Street United Baptist Church. While a pastor, Dan earned a Doctorate in Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary. Dan also served as Assistant to the General Secretary for the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. Later Dan and Barb served for twelve years at Walmer Road Baptist in Toronto. Upon retirement in 1996, they returned to their beloved home in Gondola Point. Dan and Barb spent most of their summers with family and friends at their “camp” on the shores of the Washademoak Lake.

Dan had a fervent faith in his Lord Jesus and worked tirelessly to share the unconditional love of Christ with everyone he met. He was the “salt of the earth” and his faith was lived out in tangible ways. Dan had experienced God’s grace and he, in turn, offered God’s love to the people around him. He had the gift of encouragement and lifting people up. He was a brilliant man, ahead of his time in urban ministry. He often pioneered his way into uncharted territory and did not mind rocking the boat if the boat needed rocking. His profound faith permeated every pore of his being, so much so that even with dementia, he continued to bless the staff at Rocmaura with words of praise, encouragement and prayer. In one of his last moments of clarity before his passing Dan said, “I am blessed.” Dan himself was a blessing to countless people and he will be deeply missed.

There was nothing more important to Dan than family and he revelled in the times when the “Dryer clan” were all together. That being said, his, and Barb’s, “family” included many more who weren’t officially Dryers. Dan was predeceased by his wife Barbara and great granddaughter, baby Riley. He is survived by his children: Steve

(Diane Ring), Jim (Linda More), Wayne (Kathy Jamieson), Karen (John Knight), Cindy (Paul Mosey); and grandchildren: Amy (Aaron Jenson), Kristina (Nick Oriold), Bradley (Robin Haines), Bruce, Jodi (Dan Buss), Ben (Rosalinda Kan), Jonathan, Kya and Kirsten; and great grandchildren: Olivia and Violet.

<http://www.brenansfh.com/obituaries/91051>

REV. TIMOTHY FRASER

Rev. Timothy Fraser passed away on October 7, 2014. Pastor, husband, father, grandfather, born March 29, 1938 to Alexander Edward and Eva Harriet (Carling) Fraser in Hartlepool, UK, he was educated at Cambridge and Manchester Universities (1962). He served in the Methodist ministry in England, and then as a high school teacher for several years.

Life turned a corner for him when the redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ gave him a new way of life and he embraced a passion for truth and righteousness in God's Word. He became a dedicated pastor to church communities in Norwich and Welling (UK), Canso, Meductic, and Argyle (Canada). After his retirement, he continued to be closely involved in churches and communities in the Halifax area, helping with preaching, group Bible studies, and mentoring students. He was a gifted preacher and teacher, a caring pastor, and always an independent thinker.

Ill health caused him much grief and loss, but proved the providing hand of God and the Spirit's strength and courage to face disability and decline. Throughout his life he read widely, enjoying good language, literature, music, and soccer. His was a witty humour and playful outlook. He lived with exemplary faith and forgiveness and fortitude.

He married Lesley in 1970, and became the father of Gavin Mark (Chloe), Rowan Paul (Mara), Ruth Catriona, Elizabeth Grace (Michael), Arran David Carling (Kerry), Joy Abigail Catherine, Adrian Jamie. Now there are fifteen grandchildren: Louis (Amy), Colin, Isaiah, Cora; Zoe, Julena, Spencer, plus a new baby expected in spring; Grace, Jasmin, Aiden; Benjamin, Katrina, Jackson, Austin, Megan.

MILDRED HAZEL LAW

Mildred Hazel Law passed away peacefully at the Sussex Health Centre on November 18, 2014. The seventh of eight children, she was born in Glenvale, NB to the late Laura Mae (nee Patterson) and William Ira Law. Graduating valedictorian from the Hampton Consolidated School, continuing her education at Toronto Bible School, she graduated from Acadia University in 1953. Her calling for missions began with the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1954 and continued nearly four decades retiring from the Canadian Baptist International Ministries in 1989.

Retiring to Sussex where she purchased a home, she remained active in various volunteer functions including being a valued member of the Sussex Baptist Church,

including youth leader, contributing until recently when failing health prevented full participation.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Laura Bonney of Nauwigewauk; her brothers-in-law, Murray Spragg of Keirsteadville, and Herb Cheesman of Ottawa; as well as by many nieces (including missionary Laura A. Bonney serving with World Ventures in Kampala, Uganda), nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, extended family members and friends. Besides her parents, Mildred was predeceased by four sisters and two brothers.