

Pastor Obituaries 2021

REV. DR. JEFFREY LUTES

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Lutes—59—of Riverview, died suddenly on July 16, 2021 at the age of 58. Born October 22, 1962 to David and Dawn (Cain) Lutes, Jeffrey's devotion to his Christian faith was evident throughout his life. At age 17, he and his friends often gathered together for long sessions in prayer. At age 18 he entered into pastoral ministry at the Ripples Baptist Church (1981), and later on at Dorchester Baptist (1982-85). After graduating with a BA at Crandall (1985), he served at Cherryfield Baptist (1987-91), and Shediac and Calhoun Baptist Churches (1993-99). He received his Masters of Divinity from Acadia Divinity College (1988) and was Ordained in the Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces in 1989.

Jeff's entrepreneurial spirit became evident as he dabbled in several ventures, including the Oasis Restaurant, Agora Ministries and People of the Dawn (ministry to the Indigenous), to name just a few. However, his lasting legacy will be best remembered in the founding of International Harvesters for Christ Evangelistic Association Inc. in 1991. Rooted in his evangelistic fervor, this ministry became established in four continents and was known for the training and discipling of pastors in third world and developing countries, that were closed to the Gospel. The Harvesters Network saw continued success and growth in reaching new souls for Christ for more than two decades, thanks to the visionary leadership and dedication of its founder.

Harvesters Network expanded its evangelistic outreach in the founding of the Christian Radio station CITA in Moncton NB in 2000. Five years later, CJLU station in Halifax was born, followed by CIOG in Summerside PEI (2008). Those 3 stations, along with 8 transmitters, covered large portions of the Atlantic Provinces with solid Christian teaching and worship music.

Jeff was a lifelong learner, and successfully defended his thesis (The Response of Churches to Climate Change) and achieved his Doctor of Ministry from Acadia University in 2011. His academic pursuits included publishing 5 books: Nonprofit Issues and Management; Perspectives on New Brunswick History ; The Groaning Planet: The Dilemma of Climate Change; The Spiritual Masters: A Workbook for Spiritual Formation; and The Precarious Road.

Jeff's passion for ministry included a commitment to his family. Jeff earnestly sought opportunities to be with his three dear children, grandchildren and extended family. On a recent Father's Day weekend, he invited four generations of his family to join him on a leisurely fishing trip on a houseboat. Family was important to him, and he generously gave of his time and resources as a demonstration of his love.

Jeffrey will be dearly missed by his wife Faye (Greenlaw) Lutes of 17 years, parents David and Dawn Lutes, sons: Joshua Lutes and Caleb Lutes (Ashley); daughter Leah Lutes



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(Justin LeBlanc); sisters: Laura (Richard Martens), Kim (Tim Lutes), Darlene (Kirk Bartha); grandchildren: Caydyn, Austin, Addison, Eli, Madelyn, and twins due in February; nieces and nephews: Rob, Ryan, Jordan, Matthew, Tori, Luke, Bree, and Nate; as well as his father-in-law and mother-in-law Walter and Geraldine Greenlaw; brother-in-law Graham Greenlaw (Murielle) and family; and the mother of his children, Deanna Grant.

<https://www.cobbsfuneralhome.ca/obituaries/155226>

REV. DAVID WILTON

It is with great sadness that the family of David Bruce Wilton, of Darlings Island, NB, announce his passing which occurred on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Born in Vuyyuru, Krishna, India on October 12, 1938, he was a son of the late Rev. Leslie and Alma (Osborne) Wilton.

David is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Naomi Grace Wilton (Willis); son, Timothy Ian Wilton of Darlings Island; daughter, Deborah Ruth Kusan (Savas) of Qatar; grandchildren: Joshua David, Taylor Marie Hope, Matthew Brady, Sabri David, Ahmet Samuel; brothers: John Wilton of Ontario, and Paul Wilton (Jan) of Edmonton, AB; as well as several extended family members. In addition to his parents, David was predeceased by his sister, Grace McKinley and brother, Rev. Ralph Wilton.

David was an amazing husband, father, “poppy”, and friend. David loved singing and was part of a music group who went across Canada singing folk songs. One of his favorite hymns to sing was, “How Great Thou Art”, and he died peacefully in the hospital after listening to this song.

He loved animals and the three dogs he took care of in his life loved him. He was indeed their best friend. He adored gardening and every stone and flower he planted was done with his heart. David had an adventuresome soul, calming spirit, and patient heart.

Goodbyes are never easy. Earth lost an angel and heaven gained one. Memories and thoughts of this amazing, kind, and caring man will stay in the heart forever of those who knew him. David will be missed.

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REV. PERLEY TIDD

REV. PERLEY TIDD—88—was born on July 3, 1934 at Seal Cove, Grand Manan Island. Perley was the 4th son and 7th child of James and Florence Tidd. His parents moved to Black’s Harbour in 1942 and later to Beaver Harbour in 1946. Perley Graduated from Black’s Harbour High School in 1951. Very shortly thereafter, he gave his life to Jesus Christ and was baptized in the ocean at Beaver Harbour, New Brunswick. Perley



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attended London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary, London, Ontario from 1953-1955.

Upon completion of Bible Studies, he accepted a call from the Atlantic United Baptist Convention to serve 6 small congregations in New Canada, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia. Perley met and married Marlene Eisener of Barss Corner, Nova Scotia in 1957 and they eventually had 6 children, Stephen, Joel, Joanna Joy, Aaron and Andrew (Twins), and Florence Gracie.

Perley graduated in 1967 from Acadia School of Theology (Acadia Divinity College) with a B.Th. degree and later in 1981 from Acadia University with a B.A. degree. Perley was predeceased by his parents, James and Florence Tidd; son, Aaron Charles Tidd; three brothers, Theodore, Martin (Wally), and Llewellyn; three sisters, Bernice, Wilma, and Melba. He is survived by one sister, Noreen. What a close and warm-hearted family we were.

Perley served the Lord Jesus Christ for 66 years, in the Gospel Ministry. Among the churches he has served were Temple Church, Barrington; Port Hawkesbury; and St. Margaret's Bay in Nova Scotia; Minto, Black's Harbour and Berry Mill-Steeves Mountain in New Brunswick; and Forest, Ontario.

He served as Evangelist in Chipman, Beaver Harbour, Norton and Dorchester, New Brunswick; Black River and Pugwash, Nova Scotia. He met a friend, Pastor Wayne Kuhner from Ashland, Kentucky, U.S.A. and served twice there as Evangelist at Wildwood Baptist Church.

He married his son, Stephen in Chilliwack, British Columbia and baptised his granddaughter, Stephanie in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For the last 11 years he served the wonderful, small congregation of friends in Port Mouton, Nova Scotia. Perley would like to thank the Lord Jesus Christ for the amazing and blessed life he has granted him and for the numerous and special friends we have made. What a wonderful Lord!

<https://sweenysfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/3465/Perley-Tidd/obituary.html>

REV. HAROLD BEAUMONT

REV. HAROLD KAY BEAUMONT—93—of Cambridge, passed away on Sunday, December 12, 2021 in the Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Blair and Marjorie (Edwards) Beaumont. Harold graduated from Acadia Divinity College in 1953 and ministered throughout Nova Scotia until his retirement. He was honoured in 2018 for 55 years of ministry. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife of 37 years, Velma (Blakeney); and sisters, Barbara Wild, Jacqueline Miller and Donna Gill. Harold is survived by his second wife of 23 years, Ellen (Smith); children, Bruce (Karen), Bryan (Linda), Bernie (Catherine), Bonnie (Rob) Sweet, Brenda (Tony) Anderson, Bernice (Pat) Lario and Barry; grandchildren, Yosseff



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MacDonald, Danielle (Max Nyberg), Jessica (Clint Duncan), Kaitlin (Mike Pillar), Alisha, Jason (Victoria Heisler), Blair (Chanelle), Jenna, Jillian (Mike Matheson), Jeffrey, Mitchel, Lauren and Sarah; and great-grandchildren, Jackson and Lucy Nyberg, Kaitlynn and Harrison Duncan, Violet, Adeline, Lilianna, Alexi, Ellie and Kenadi Beaumont. In keeping with Harold's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private interment will take place in Willow Bank Cemetery, Wolfville. Donations in memory may be made to Feed Nova Scotia (www.feednovascotia.ca). Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Kentville.

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