

# Calling!

read in Isaiah, Chapter 43,

forth,

with you. It will be new for me. O  
g us together" we will remember a year  
r all God has redeemed us and called

asks the question and answers it; "Chur  
weep until we can find meaning to o  
could take anything."

commonality, and move into rejoici  
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confirmation of faith, confession a  
rdination. We'll hear fine preacher  
nd laugh and play together.

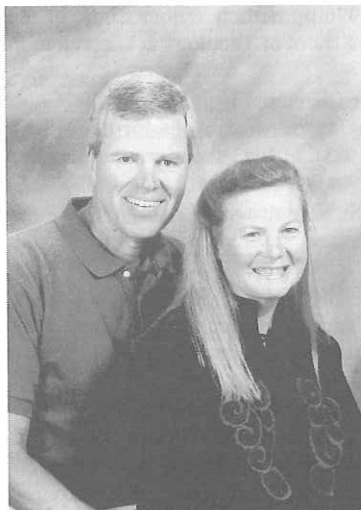
ent. Hopefully, we'll be sent home havir  
by worship and sharing, feeling that w  
aking processes, and ready to do "a ne  
ime, keep riding. I'll see you in Redland

Mary Ann Swens

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## RALPH PARK ANDERSON

October 5, 1914 - February 10, 2001

**ANDERSON, R. PARK** (T.35; F.41) **Dakota; Oregon; Southern California-Arizona** 64 Glendale, First, Minister of Parish; 69 Kingman, Arizona; 71 Monrovia; 75 Los Angeles: Los Feliz; 76 Retired; **Pacific & Southwest** 77; **California-Pacific** 85

“So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” *I Corinthians 13:13*

Ralph Park Anderson was born in Rock Falls, Iowa, to Levi Archie and Mary Park Anderson on October 5, 1914. He spent his early years working on the family's dairy farm in Cortland, New York. Upon the family's return to the Midwest, he graduated high school in Iowa in 1930. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Taylor University and a graduate degree in theology from Drew Theological Seminary. He was ordained an Elder in the Methodist Church in 1940.

On August 9, 1939, Park married Helen Ruth Walhof, who he met at Taylor. Their 57 year partnership began, Helen auditing seminary classes with Park and continuing as sermon editor, parsonage hostess and, sometimes, church secretary. Together they raised four children.

Park's pastorates extended from his student sojourn in the Dakota Conference to ministerial charges in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Oregon, California and Arizona. He served over 20 churches, including several interim and associate positions following his "retirement". He gained a reputation as an inspirational and effective preacher, but he is also remembered as a pastor who could quickly sense people's needs and whose caring and humor was felt by everyone who knew him. Park was dedicated in the last decade of his retirement to a ministry for families in times of bereavement, especially families who did not have a church home or formal religious affiliation.

After Helen Ruth's death, Park became reacquainted with Hazel Caruth, whom he had first met 62 years earlier at Taylor University. Their correspondence blossomed into deeply felt love, and they were married on April 10, 1999 in a joyful ceremony that touched all that attended. Park Anderson is remembered as an extraordinary Methodist pastor, devoted father and grandfather, a most faithful friend and a great soul.

*"I love people and find my satisfactions in the growth and development of their lives. IT IS A GREAT LIFE! Few things would be changed if I began again."* Interview on his life, 1987

— Charles Anderson



## FRANK HENRY ARGELANDER

April 14, 1923 - April 2, 2001

**ARGELANDER, FRANK H.** (T.50; F.52) North Indiana.; **Southern California-Arizona** 69 (Nov 1)Wilmington; **Pacific and Southwest** 77 Lynwood; 81 Montebello; **California-Pacific** 85; 86 Retired

Frank Henry Argelander, age 77, died on April 3, 2001 of heart failure in the island resort town of Pulau Lang Tengah, off the east coast of the Malay peninsula, near the city of Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. A ceremonial viewing of the body was held according to the Chinese Christian tradition in the Melaka home of long time family friends, Swee Lim and Helen Wong. Funeral services were performed in the Wesley Methodist Church in Melaka where he served as pastor from 1957-1960. In attendance were numerous members of his previous missionary parish, his wife, Dorothy, daughter Margo and her husband Bill Berdanis.

Born April 14, 1923 in Kiukiang, China, of missionary parents, Frank followed in his father's footsteps as a Methodist minister, serving parishes in Indiana and Wisconsin as well as four years as missionary, first on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia where he established the first English speaking Methodist church in Medan, and then for three years in Melaka, Malaysia, where he was pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church.

Frank Argelander also served Methodist parishes in the Los Angeles area, including Wilmington, Lynwood, Montebello, California Heights and Downey before retiring in the mid 1980's. For many years he was closely associated with the South Coast NAACP, often speaking at their annual meetings. Frank was an avid golfer belonging to several groups in the LA area who will miss his humor and competitive spirit.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and former wife, Scotty; three children, Ronald and Jennifer Argelander and Margo Berdanis (Bill); and numerous members of the extended Argelander family, including his siblings, Ruth Butler, Edward Argelander and Alice Butler.

A local memorial service was held on April 14 for extended family and friends at the Downey United Methodist Church, Downey, California.

— Ron Argelander

