

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference The United Methodist Church

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Lindenmuth



... F. Kulp and the encouragement of Jean, received his college education at Temple the Temple School of Theology and gradu-

... ministry in the churches of the Eastern Penn- sylvania, Gap, Minersville, Llewellyn, Siloam, Bristol, Oxford, and Easton. Since his in Christiana, PA. They attended Quarry- worth served on a voluntary basis as the in the hospital and in the homes of the a lives of many.

... as a camp counselor at Pocono Plateau committees on the conference level. He a member and past chaplain of Oxford and Royal Arch Chapter # 223, Oxford; and Templar, Coatesville, PA.

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... ve in their Christiana home, Ellsworth is t A. Lindenmuth, Richard P. Lindenmuth, dchild and a brother, Henry Lindenmuth

... uth completed his earthly life and minis- try and the redeeming work of his Lord

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through faith in Jesus Christ. Pastor Price included in his tribute to Pastor Lindenmuth's life and ministry, the words of the Apostle Paul recorded in 2 Timothy 4:7-8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day -- and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing."

All who have been touched by his faithful ministry can say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Other ministers participating in the service were the Rev. Elisha Shivery, the Rev. Josiah Werner and the Rev. David Loughery, District Superintendent of the Lancaster District. Rev. Loughery presented the family with a bronze plaque from the Commission on Archives and History of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Burial was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.

- Jean V. Lindenmuth and Family

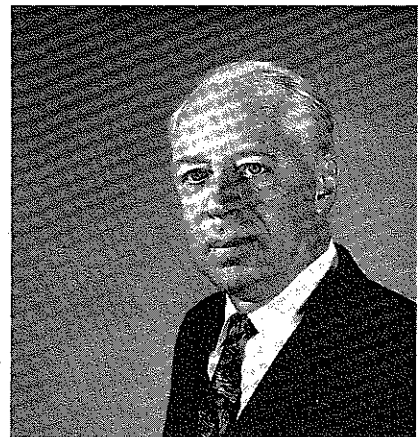
John Cliff Bateman

The Rev. John Cliff Bateman, son of John H. and Ada Wilkinson Bateman, was born in Coatesville, PA on September 17, 1913, just one year after his parents emigrated to the United States from Leeds, England. A graduate of Coatesville High School in 1930 and Philadelphia's Peirce Business School in 1932, he also studied economics at Temple University. Thereafter he served as an accountant with the Collins and Aikman Corporation from 1933-1955 and the Radio Corporation of America from 1955-1972.

The product of a godly heritage from his parents and grandparents, Rev. Bateman grew up in the Thorndale Methodist Church and accepted Christ into his life at an early age. He served as a leader in both his local and district Epworth Leagues, sang in the church choir, and served for ten years as the Scoutmaster of Thorndale Troop 70 of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1940 he married the former Dorothy Anna Davis of Thorndale.

They were the parents of two children: Bette Bateman Ranck, a businesswoman from Lancaster, PA; and J. Keith, a Christian missionary in Machakos, Kenya.

Rev. Bateman received a Local Preacher's license in 1933 and did much preaching and teaching in his local area. In 1950, to the delight of his father who had always desired his son to become a pastor, Bateman was asked to supply the Romansville Methodist Church which had lost its pastor due to ill health. His father, a carpenter, built the present narthex on the Romansville Church. His seven-year ministry at Romansville from 1950-1957 began 28 years of continuous service as a Methodist pastor, during most of which he continued to work as an accountant and doing private income tax work. His ministry at Romansville was followed by nine years at the Atglen U.M. Church (1957-1966), nine years at Lampeter U.M. Church (1966-1975), and the Elverson/Mt. Carmel U.M. Churches (1975-1978). During these years he received his deacon's orders in 1955, completed studies at the Grace Bible Institute in Coatesville and Wesley Seminary in Washington, DC.



After his retirement in 1978, he and his wife resided near Lancaster, PA with their daughter, where he continued with his lifelong hobbies of gardening, collecting and repairing toy trains. During this time he also made himself available to a local nursing home where he held services as asked. He passed away on May 23, 1992, after an illness of several years. The funeral was held in Downingtown, PA with the Rev. Walter Jackson of Lancaster officiating. He is interred at the site of his first church in Romansville.

Rev. Bateman is remembered by his family and friends as a man of humor and goodwill, honesty and hard work who, while serving as both pastor and businessman, visited the sick from his congregations during his lunch hours. Rev. Bateman loved and studied the Word of God and helped those under his care to come to love and study it too. In addition to his two children and five grandchildren, he is survived by his wife who continues to make her home in Lancaster.

Diaconal Minister

Marilyn J. Clark

Marilyn J. Clark was on the cutting edge of much that happened during her 41 years as a Christian Educator, Deaconess and Diaconal Minister. When she was consecrated a Diaconal Minister in Chicago in 1972 she was among the first initiated into the office. When the merger of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church was being planned, Marilyn was the Methodist liaison to the E.U.B. Education Fellowship. She served on the organizing committee of the national Christian Educator's Fellowship as well as on its first Board of Directors. She was an advocate for women in ministry long before such advocacy became popular. She cherished her consecration as a Deaconess in The Riverside Church, New York at a World Deaconess Conference.



Through 41 years of Christian ministry she was first and foremost a teacher. After four years of youth work in the Northern Illinois Conference, Marilyn served churches in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. After moving East in 1975 she served Bel Air, Colesville and Silver Springs St. Matthew's United Methodist Churches. These were all located in the Baltimore Conference. In 1988 Marilyn began service as Director of Christian Nurture at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown, PA.

Marilyn was well loved by her peers in the Deaconess Society. She served as the editor of the Northeastern Jurisdiction newsletter for the Society. Through this position she was constantly in touch with her friends and co-workers gathering information and ideas which she enthusiastically passed on to others.

Marilyn's heart was with the United Methodist Women. It was a timely scholarship from the Women that sped her on her way to Christian service. It was always her heart's desire to repay that gift as many times over as she could. She was a strong supporter of the local United Methodist Women in the churches she served. She held District and Conference offices in the organization. Every summer she was either teaching in or attending Schools of Mission.