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David was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania in 1907 but spent his boyhood years in Ohio. He was a graduate of Asbury College, University of Southern California and Yale University. It was at U.S.C. that he met Mildred Agnes Davidson, who became his wife in 1932, the year he was ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church. David served in pastorates in southern California and became Director of the Wesley Foundation at U.C.L.A. and later its Director at Yale. It soon became apparent that his gift for the ministry lay in the field of teaching.



David held professorships at Iowa State University, Garrett Theological Seminary and Perkins Theological Seminary of Southern Methodist University. For these eighteen years he reached out in touching the lives of countless students before being called in 1960 to become professor of Theology and a member of the first faculty of Methesco, the new Methodist Theological School at Delaware, Ohio. He taught there until his retirement in 1971.

David was not only a great teacher, he was a friend and counselor to his students as well. He kept in touch with many of them through the years continuing to advise when they needed him, but always making them aware of his love and concern. Nothing pleased him more than their visits to his home where he and Mildred could hear "first hand" of their families and their lives in the Church he loved.

To quote Dr. Harold Williams of Methesco: David was one of the classroom greats of all time. His concern was not that he should impress his views upon his students, but that he could give them the background and the synthesizing techniques with which they could frame a theology which would inform their entire thought, and in a sense, govern what they might become.

Retiring from Methesco in 1971, David and Mildred moved to Laguna Hills, California. Mildred became ill in 1972 and although confined to her wheel chair, she was able to enjoy with him, their church associations and the visits of former students, and friends of their early years in California. For David it was a time of complete devotion to Mildred who had shared all phases of his ministry with love and understanding.

David passed away September 26, 1977 in Houston, Texas following open heart surgery. A memorial service was held in the beautiful chapel at Methesco.

Woodrow W. Shipley — Josephine Baker Shipley

J. RICHARD SNEED

SNEED, J. RICHARD (T. 34; F. 36) New Eng. Sou., 34 Bryantville & W. Duxbury, Mass; Iowa-Des Moines, 36 (Sept.) Richland; 38 Shenandoah; Rock River, 42 (Oct. 1) Rockford, Court St.; So. Cal.-Ariz., 48 (Oct. 15) L.A., First; 63 Whittier, First; 68 Sab'l; 69 R'd. (362.2); Pac. and S.W., 77 R'd. (362.2). Died June 28, 1977.

Richard was born in 1911 in Moravia, Iowa, and grew up in a happy, loving family. His father, a banker, was an ardent Methodist layman. During his high school years, Richard placed in state oratorical contests.

The Depression devastated the country just as Richard entered Grinnell College, but he succeeded in working his way through by managing the college bookstore and preaching at four small neighboring churches.



On his graduation, he married Adelaide Baker, also a Grinnellian, and they enrolled in Boston University where he received his ministerial degrees.

Richard wrote his first book, "Beyond the Facts," while preaching in Shenandoah, Iowa. His second book, "How to Live Effectively," was written in Rockford, Illinois. He also had a national radio program for a number of years. While in Rockford, he received a "Distinguished Alumnus" medal from Boston University for being chairman of a successful drive to raise a million and a half dollars for the School of Theology.

As minister of Los Angeles First Methodist Church, Richard innovated many new services and techniques to help people. He devised the first Telephone Chapel that could give a three-minute message of spiritual reassurance and also one, "For Those Who Mourn."

A small Drop-In Chapel was built, where by a touch of a button, a person could select scripture, an inspirational message, or a hymn. The Chapel was open at seven for men to drop in on their way to work. A Counseling Center and a Senior Citizen program were also set up.

Since financing a downtown church is always a problem Richard formulated a Wills and Bequest Program which has proved exceedingly helpful. He maintained a public service program, Start To Live, on radio station KMPC for 27 years. He retired in 1969. He suffered a stroke and died in Porto, Portugal, June 28, 1977.

"The measure of a life must include more than its red-letter days. While poetry and song may be our choice, it is more often the prose of the daily round that greets us; we must live in a world of ordinary things. But this need not suggest a life of resignation or rebellion, for the ordinary is tremendous in its potentialities of romance and greatness." — J. Richard Sneed.

Adelaide Sneed