

DEATHS OF ROSTERED MINISTERS

The Rev. Dr. LaVonne Althouse

Rev. Dr. LaVonne Althouse, 91 of Lititz passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023 at Luther Acres. Born in Ephrata on March 30, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Harvey Shimp and Arletta Fry Althouse.

LaVonne graduated from Ephrata High School in 1949. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Penn State in 1953. She received her Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Union Theological Seminary and Master of Religious Education in 1959. She received her Doctrine of Theology in 1980 from Eastern Baptist Seminary.

Pastor Althouse was the 12th woman Lutheran pastor in America, being ordained at age 42. She served the Salem Lutheran Evangelical Church in Philadelphia for 22 years, retiring in 2002. LaVonne served as editor of the Woman's Pulpit for nearly 50 years, the Official Publication of The International Association Of Women Ministers. She was elected editor emerita by the board in September of 2022. She also served as the editor of Lutheran Women, the periodical of Lutheran Church Women.

LaVonne was a very independent lady who loved to travel the world and teach religion to others through her writings. She was an avid reader and collector of many books.

LaVonne is survived by her sister, Joan Althouse of New York; nephews, Erik Hare and Michael Althouse and many friends. She was preceded in death by her brothers, David, John, Neil and Harvey, Jr. Althouse, her sister, Inez Hare and her nephew, Bradley Hare.

Please omit flowers, memorial remembrances may be made in Lavonne's memory to a favorite charity. For other information, please call 717-393-1776.

A memorial service was held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 750 Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Friday, January 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM, with calling hours for family and friends at 10:00 AM. Interment - Bergstrasse Cemetery, Ephrata

Link to Online Obituary: https://lancasteronline.com/obituaries/rev-dr-lavonne-althouse/article_f7d88e55-4c3c-5d73-83ea-bc304170e17b.html

The Rev. Danny (Dan) Bodine

Danny (Dan) Norman Bodine, 76, formerly of Kennett Square PA, died on September 5, 2023. He was born May 18, 1947, in Penn Yan, NY to Norman and Virginia (Burg) Bodine. A Regents scholarship graduate of Penn Yan Academy with a lettering in both football and baseball, he attended Geneseo State College and earned a degree in marine biology.

Dan joined the US Navy and served in the medical corps for six years. After his discharge, he worked in the medical technology field for a number of years while also serving as his church's youth group leader. Furthering his faith, he earned his Masters Degree in Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He served in the ministries of St. Peter's Lutheran Church

(Chester Springs, PA), Community of Love Lutheran Church (Oxford, PA) and St. Michael Lutheran Church (Unionville, PA) until his retirement.

Dan cared deeply for all living creatures, and he passionately shared the beauty and wonder of God's world with others. In his ministry, he was adept at conveying the word of God in engaging, creative ways with people of any age or culture and was a personal and professional mentor for many.

Dan's world centered around his family, and he cherished time spent with them. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife of 51 years, Patricia (Laube) Bodine. He is survived by his children, Heather Wadas (Mark) and Michael Bodine (Qin Xiao); his grandchildren Marah, Gabriel, Peter, and Nathan; his sister, Victoria Bodine de Martinez (Juan Carlos), his brother- and sister-in-law, Pat and Jan Moore; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. They, and countless others that loved Dan, will miss his sense of humor, quick smile, and compassion.

A Celebration of Life service was held on September 23, 2023, at St Michael Lutheran Church, 109 E. Doe Run Rd, Unionville, PA. Family received guests at 9:30 a.m.; with the service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a reception.

Memorial contributions can be made to:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church [St. Peter's Lutheran Church](#)

Community of Love Lutheran Church [Community of Love Lutheran Church](#)

St. Michael Lutheran Church [St. Michael Lutheran Church](#)

Lutheran World Relief [Lutheran World Relief](#)

Online Link to Obituary: <https://www.snyderfuneralhome.com/obituary/danny-n-bodine/>

The Gilbert E. Doan

The Reverend Doctor Gilbert E. Doan, Jr, 93, of Wooster, OH passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 27, 2024.

Dr. Doan was born September 14, 1930 in Bethlehem, PA along with two younger sisters to Dr. Gilbert Doan Sr. and Alice (Olney) Doan.

A widower, he was married twice, to Janice (Yelland) (1957 – 1974) and Roberta (McKaig) (1976 – 2014).

Dr. Doan finished his preparatory schooling at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts; he then attended Harvard University where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1952.

While at Harvard studying Geology, he felt the call to join the ministry; he subsequently attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in the Mount Airy neighborhood of northwestern Philadelphia and graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1955.

He later received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania but returned it to protest their policies. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wagner College in 1979.

He served as a campus pastor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1955-61); as Northeastern Director of the National Lutheran Campus Ministry (1961-84); and as pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia (1984-95).

While serving in the National Lutheran Campus Ministry, he was asked to join the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship; he was responsible for numerous editions and translations of hymns included in the new Lutheran Book of Worship published in 1978.

An inveterate fisherman, many of Dr. Doan's most enjoyable days were spent in New York by Lake Ontario. He had begun going there in the late '50s and, in 1986, became the owner of a small cabin on Chaumont Bay. In his later years, he would visit the cabin as often as possible as it was his refuge and a place to contemplate the beauty of his surroundings. Dr. Doan was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and was also very proud of his participation in a Main Line-based show choir and also a barbershop quartet.

Dr. Doan was a dedicated father to and is survived by his four sons, Terry (Wannipa) of Tampa, Florida; Bob (Lisa) of Decatur, Georgia; Steve of Wooster, Ohio; and James (Kathi) of Ashton, Maryland. His sons' families include nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his two sisters, Julia Cox of Flat Rock, NC and Sibbald Doan of St Petersburg, FL.

A Memorial Service was held Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 PM at the Zion Lutheran Church, 301 North Market Street, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Center at 876 S. Geyers Chapel Rd, Wooster, OH 44691.

Link to Online Obituary: <https://www.the-daily-record.com/obituaries/pwoo0711211>

The Rev. William (Bill) Erat

After 81 years of a life dedicated to helping others, William G Erat left this mortal coil on November 8th 2023. Bill was born on August 11th, 1942 in Highland Park, Michigan to William and Emma Erat. The eldest of four siblings, Bill displayed a love and talent for music early on and was already giving accordion lessons at the age of 11. Classmate Gary Hess at Detroit Lutheran H.S. East recalls, "Everyone liked Bill, he was the most popular guy and didn't have any enemies."

Bill's success in H.S. enabled him to win a sizable scholarship from the J&L Steel Co which he used to attend Valparaiso University as an undergrad. Originally majoring in nuclear physics, Bill made the switch to Psychology his sophomore year, earning his BA in 1964. Following his heart and a call from God, Bill was accepted and began his Theological studies and Cambridge University Fitzwilliam College in the fall of 1964. Bill always smiled when he recalled his time there and sang with choirs in the ancient King's College Chapel. After finishing his MA in Theology in 1966, Bill continued his Lutheran education at Concordia Seminary in St Louis, earning his Masters of Divinity in 1969. During this period through his vicarship Bill learned a

lot about the direction his life would take working as a VA hospital chaplain and with children. Helping those in need was Bill's lodestar.

In 1969 Bill moved to Boston and began work towards his Masters in Psychology at Boston University. He was active in the Lutheran student group as was the beautiful Linda Putnam, a nursing graduate student. In a bit of matchmaking, the groups' leader had them both over for dinner and the rest was history. Linda and Bill were married August 4th, 1973. Part of his degree involved working with at risk youth in Brockton, a small city outside Boston; and by 1974 he had begun his career as a clinical social worker.

For the next 35 years Bill selflessly served as the Executive Director for Lutheran Social Service Agencies in Boston and Philadelphia. At LCA he oversaw the development of domestic and international refugee foster care systems, supervised group homes, created an international adoption program, and oversaw expansion of family counseling services in CT, MA, and Maine. In 1985 Bill moved the family to Philadelphia for a job with Lutheran Children and Family Services (LCFS). There he specialized in resettling refugees in all of PA, especially unaccompanied minors. After merging with Liberty Lutheran in 2000, the agency provided adoption, foster care, abuse prevention, after school programs, refugee resettlement, ESL, services to victims of torture, and LGTBQ services to youth and families. The time and love he gave his own family, church, and community was second to none.

In 1985 the Erats joined St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside, PA, where Bill served as a pillar until the end. He served on church council in many capacities, and with Pastor Henrik created the yearly beloved Oktoberfest, which this past year raised \$20,000 for Lutheran Disaster Relief. He never refused a job when it needed to be done, and on occasion served as a guest preacher. One of his greatest but underused talents was his ability to connect with people and deliver the Lord's Word from the pulpit. Early on at St Paul's, Pastor Skip McDowell talked about his experience in the Philadelphia Boys' Choir during a sermon. Bill had missed singing for years and saw this as a great opportunity to get back to making music. For the next 30 years he was a fixture in the Tenor section, going on tour to China, South Africa, and Australia just to name a few. This ignited a love of music in his sons Will and Tom, who also sang in the choir. Bill also traveled far and wide with his family; mission trips to Guatemala to help build needed infrastructure and trips for pleasure and education to Mexico, Australia, and England on the Queen Mary. Then of course the requisite long drives of the kid who moved away. It was always important to him to stay connected to his beloved family in Michigan.

In retirement Bill's words reveal his style and character...as CRO or Chief Retirement Officer my duties include "Deploying available resources, including material and personnel, to families and organizations in need of stuff, collectibles, child care, vocal expertise, English language instruction, brewed liquids, garden care, and cumulative executive experience, while maintaining physical and mental health of self and family members, and financial health of same, but at the same time building a sense of wonder and gratefulness for each day, best expressed in song." That's one beautiful sentence. Bill and Linda opened their home to 20 foster kids during their marriage and provided help to countless others. Most special is the story of Osmonie Mao, whom Bill and Linda met on a trip to Cambodia to see the refugee camps in the early 1980s. Osmonie

came to the United States and joined the Erat family in 1984. Osmonie Erat is an incredibly successful Laser Engineer with a beautiful family.

Bill is survived by wife, Linda, sisters Barbara and Margie, and brother, Bob. His memory lives on in son Osmonie and his wife Chinda of Danbury and their family, Celina, Jace, Allison, Anita, Ailiyah, and Amelia, son Will and his wife Kristin of the Bronx and their daughter Brianna, and son Thomas and his wife Angie of Philadelphia and their children Tommy, Emma, and Adam.

Funeral Service was held at St Paul's Lutheran Church, 120 N. Easton Rd. Glenside, PA 19038 on Saturday, November 18 at 11 AM, with the calling hour at 10:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation in Bill's name to JDRF or St Paul's Lutheran Church Glenside.

Online Link to obituary: <https://www.mayfuneralhome.com/obituaries/William-G-Erat?obId=29914928>

The Rev. Arlene K. Greenwald

The Rev. Arlene K. (Stofflet) Greenwald, age 72, wife of Brian D. Greenwald, of West Chester, Pennsylvania, passed away at home on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Arlene was born on April 6, 1951, in Pottstown, the daughter of the late Anna Elizabeth (Jacob) and Paul Newton Stofflet.

Arlene received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Hahnemann University. She had a special interest in group dynamics. She received a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary) and was ordained in the Lutheran church. Her call to become a pastor came at the age of 13 years when she was teaching Sunday School.

Arlene was an Interim Pastor for over 40 years, serving 17 ELCA and United Church of Christ congregations in Southeast Pennsylvania. She enjoyed preaching from the aisle, using experiences from her own life and that of her husband and daughter in her sermons. As the interim pastor at St. Paul's, Lionville, she supported and embraced the vision to start a new ministry that provides a worship experience for those with intellectual/developmental challenges. This worship ministry, Rejoicing Spirits, has grown to be nationwide.

Growing up on a dairy farm, Arlene's love of animals continued throughout her life. She was especially fond of English Shepherds. She was a member of the English Shepherd Society and bred a litter of puppies which were born in July.

Arlene had many interests. She loved gardening and flowers, and along with her husband cultivated large flower and vegetable gardens. They were especially proud of the dahlias that were in beautiful bloom last year. She was an accomplished sewer and enjoyed sewing both her own clothing and that of her daughter when she was young. Arlene enjoyed quilting with family and friends, and she also collected quilts. When her daughter was growing up, Arlene volunteered in her school's library. She loved Disney and would take family trips to Florida

almost every year. Arlene and her husband were foster parents of a young girl from Martin Luther Silver Springs School. They also hosted a foreign exchange student from South Korea.

Arlene loved and was great at hosting parties and gatherings, such as a holiday brunch or dinner for family and friends or a gathering of parishioners from an interim congregation. No matter what the event, she went all out.

Arlene had a deep, unfaltering faith in God's goodness throughout her life. Possessing a loving pastor's heart, Arlene touched the lives of many with her kindness, compassion, and sense of humor. Her grace and strength amidst her many health challenges were an inspiration to all who knew her. Arlene lived her faith as an instrument of God's love and healing in the world.

In addition to her loving husband, Arlene is survived by her daughter: Brianna E. Greenwald, fiancée of Paul Olmo; brother: Carl Stofflet; and nieces and nephews: Mark, Barbara, Angela, Kevin, Richard, and Todd. She was preceded in death by her brothers: Donald Stofflet, Barry Stofflet, and Clarence Mingle; and nephew: Matthew.

Relatives and friends attended her funeral service on Friday, March 8, 2024, at 11:00 AM, at St. John's Lutheran Church, 355 St Johns Circle, Phoenixville. Friends and family were received from 9:30 AM-10:45 AM at the Church. Interment at Christ Union Cemetery, 222 Niantic Road, Barto, PA at 3:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made in Arlene's name to Donate ' Rejoicing Spirits - Creating Inclusive Worship & Fellowship.

Link to Online Obituary: <https://www.klotzbachfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Arlene-Greenwald-2/#!/Obituary>

The Re. Norman A. Hjelm

With heavy hearts but thanks for a life well-lived, we, Krister, Lars and Maria, announce that our father, Rev. Norman Arthur Hjelm, died at the age of 92 years on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in Wynnewood, PA.

Born on November 20, 1931 in Worcester, MA to proud Swedish descendants, Rev. Arthur and Ruth Hjelm, Norman grew up with two older siblings, Louise and Ralph. Arthur served as a Pastor in Lutheran churches and Norman grew up primarily in Washington, DC, during World War II, an event that profoundly helped shape his education and career. The nation's capital also gave Norman a passion for football and baseball.

His education reflects his faith and a career devoted to Christian theology. He graduated from Princeton University in 1953, majoring in Religious Studies and English. In his 70th reunion yearbook, he said of his Princeton experience, "At Princeton – in lectures and classes, in my eating club and friendships – I began, I think, to grow up and am still on the way. Deo Gratias!" Norman went on to Augustana Theological Seminary to receive a Bachelor of Divinity in 1957 and Union Theological Seminary to receive a Master of Sacred Theology in 1960, where he concentrated on the theological works of Gustaf Aulen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Reinhold

Niebur. In 2009, he received an honorary doctorate from Uppsala University in Sweden in recognition of his contributions to theological scholarship.

Norman was a President of the Lutheran Student Association of America and Chairman of the United Student Christian Council of America. As part of these activities, he traveled to Sweden and met his Swedish sweetheart, Ingalill Hellman, on a transatlantic voyage from New York City. They were married on July 13, 1957 in New York City, lived in Sweden, and raised us, his three children. In 1962, the family settled in the Philadelphia suburbs and remained in the area, with brief departures for work stints in Cleveland and Switzerland.

Ordained in 1960, Norman started his career as a parish priest at All Saints' Lutheran Church in Orland Park, Illinois, and then transitioned to book publishing in 1962 and was the Senior Editor and Director of Fortress Press in Germantown, PA. He was an early publisher of Walter Brueggeman, Elaine Pagels, CT Vivian and even Coretta Scott King. In 1985, he became the Communications Director for the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland. Norman's work took him all over the world, until his return to the US to serve as Director of the Commission on Faith and Order at the National Council of Churches in 1991.

Retirement held little interest for Norman, so he continued to write, consult, edit and devote himself to the ecumenical movement and to Christian unity. Expanding on his original academic interest in poets and theologians in WWII, he edited and wrote the introductions for two books about the church's role in the Cold War. "The unity of the church, the unity of humankind. Unity in a fractured world. Unity – a goal to be cherished," was the theme of a sermon he preached in 2003, and it was the theme of Norman's life's work.

He was devoted to Ingalill, who died in 2006, and is survived by his three children and eleven grandchildren (Nikolaus, Max, Kerstin, Britta, Jakob, Kent, Maya, Patrik, Ethan, Erik and Alannah) and four great grandchildren (Stella, Clara, Beckett and Bo). Norman's family and friends will remember him for his genuine kindness and his gift of conversation (Ingalill was often frustrated by his tendency to talk more than eat at the dinner table).

Norman was an accomplished pianist and a lover of classical music. In his retirement, his season tickets to the Philadelphia Orchestra were amongst his greatest pleasures. Professional sports – baseball in particular – always brought Norman joy and frustration. He regaled his grandchildren by recounting important games that he had attended in his own childhood and he would entertain folks with his uncanny ability to speak backwards. He loved watching the Phillies, the 76ers, and the Eagles and did so until the very end. Likewise, Norman was never not reading a book. He left the biography, "King: A Life", half-read at his passing.

A funeral for Norman Hjelm was held Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral in Philadelphia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to Cathedral Table Ministries, in support of the cathedral's food pantry held in partnership with Philabundance.

Link to Online Obituary: <https://www.chadwickmckinney.com/obituaries/Norman-Hjelm/#!/Obituary>

The Rev. John G. Huber, Jr.

The Rev. John G. Huber, Jr., 89, formerly of Audubon, PA and Franconia, PA, passed away Wednesday afternoon, May 17, 2023, at Meadowood Senior Living in Worcester, PA. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Haecker) "Maggie" Huber, on September 10, 2018. They were married for almost 57 years at the time of her passing.

Born December 14, 1933, in Nuremberg, Germany, he was a son of the late Louise (Walter) Huber and John G. "Hans" Huber, Sr. He was a 1952 graduate of Germantown High School, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Temple University, and his Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. He was also a communications specialist with the United States Army.

Rev. Huber served as pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of Audubon, PA from 1965 until 1984. He then served as president of Germantown Home from 1984 until 1988, as administrator of Meadowood Senior Living from 1988 until 1991, and as executive director of Kendal Crossroads Community in Kennett Square, PA, from 1991 until 1998. He most recently served as an associate pastor of senior ministry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Telford, PA.

Rev. Huber was an avid Philadelphia Phillies fan. His hobbies included travel, photography, and time spent in Cape May Point, NJ with family and friends.

Surviving are four sons: Peter J. Huber and his wife, Maribeth, of Gilbertsville, PA, and their children, Emily and Philip; David A. Huber of Trooper, PA, and his children, Devon, Nathan and Brianna; Mark T. Huber and his wife, Julia, of Quakertown, PA, and their sons, Edward, Axel and Garrett; and Michael S. Huber of Gilbertsville, PA, and his sons, Andrew, Daniel and Thomas. He is also survived by his sister, Anna Marie Smart and her husband, Scott, of Willow Grove, PA. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Huber, and by a daughter-in-law, Debora Huber.

Family received friends from 10-11:45 AM on Monday, June 5, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 107, West Lincoln Avenue, Telford, PA 18969, where the public memorial service began at 12 pm. Burial private at Augustus Lutheran Cemetery in Trappe, PA.

Link to Online Obituary: <https://www.rlwilliamsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/The-Rev-John-G-Huber-Jr?obId=27960316>

The Rev. Hyacinth June Mordey Imhof

Hyacinth June Mordey Imhof, 97, of Fort Washington, passed on to be with her Lord on January 16, 2024, born May 27, 1926. She was the wife of the late William Imhof.

Hy was born in the Bronx, New York to the late Alfred and Catherine (Stolzenberger) Mordey. She grew up in Harrison, New York and graduated from Harrison High School. In 1956, Hy graduated from Wagner College in Staten Island with a degree in English.

A year later Hy attended Biblical Seminary in New York City with a special emphasis on training to be a missionary. At age 32 she became a missionary of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to Argentina.

Answering a call to ministry, in 1975 Hy graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. She was ordained as a minister in her home congregation St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Port Chester, New York.

Hy was a pioneer of women pastors in the Lutheran Church in America being only the 24th woman to be ordained. Her ministry began at Bethel Lutheran church in Philadelphia where she served for 13 years.

In November 1984, at the age of 58, Hy married William Imhof. They were married for ten years until Bill's passing.

Pastor Hy loved being a pastor and served as an interim at area churches including her now home church Christ's Lutheran in Oreland. In 2009, she retired after 34 years in ministry.

Hy had a lifelong love of music. She was an organist at her church in New York. She also gave annual piano recitals at Christ's church for over ten years.

She is survived by her sister Iris Seymour; nieces Marjorie Kenney and Christine Grenell, stepdaughter Martha Frantz (John); stepson Paul Imhof (Phyllis), grandchildren Brian Frantz (Christine), Karin Clark (Dan), Mark Frantz (Kim) and John and Laura Imhof; and great grandchildren Matthew, Jacob, Ben, Grace, Justine, Abby, Emily, Maddy.

A celebration of Hy's life was held Saturday February 10th at Christ's Lutheran Church 700 E Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland, PA. 19075. Visitation with the family began at 1:30 PM, with the service at 3:00 PM followed by her inurnment at the church.

In lieu of flowers donations in Hy's memory may be made to Christ's Lutheran Church.

Link to Online Obituary: <http://www.craftfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/hyacinth-june-mordey-imhof/>

The Rev. George Edward Keck

George Edward Keck, age 88, passed away on Monday, September 18, 2023. He was the beloved husband of Betty Jean (Freshcorn) Keck, with whom he shared over 71 years of marriage.

Born July 15, 1935, in New Sewickley Township, he was a son of the late Charles Clarence and Mildred Elizabeth (Wahl) Keck.

George received his bachelor's degree from Thiel College and later earned his Masters of

Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He was ordained in 1964, and served as pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Greenville, PA. Later he was involved in various aspects of the Lutheran Church, including leadership, education, and administration. He concluded his career as Director of Admissions at The Philadelphia Seminary. George also enjoyed writing, woodworking, and gardening. He cherished his family and loved the times they spent together.

In addition to his wife, Betty, he is survived by his children, Deborah Balaban (Ed), Cindy Bach (Wayne), and Karin DeRuosi (Frank); grandchildren, Christopher Bach (Natalie Elfner), Nathan Bach (Kelly), Matthew Balaban, Eric Balaban (Sigrunn Sky), Joshua DeRuosi (Jax Miller), and Emma DeRuosi; great grandchildren, Kailani Bach, Keanu Bach, and baby boy Balaban who will be joining the family in December. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Schweinsberg; and brother, Howard Keck.

Funeral service took place at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Advent Lutheran Church, 470 Landis Road, Harleysville, PA 19438, where the family greeted guests from 11:00 AM – 12:45 PM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in George's name may be made to either Advent Lutheran Church (Harleysville) or Peter Becker Community Benevolent Fund, 800 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA 19438.

Link to Online Obituary: <https://www.williamsbergkoffel.com/obituary/george-keck>

The Rev. John R. Schilling, III

Reverend Schilling entered God's eternal kingdom peacefully December 2nd. He is predeceased by his wife, Grace I. Schilling (nee Heintzelman), his parents, John R and Emma H. Schilling (Nee Moyer), his brother Jerome T. Shilling (Jane) and his sister Janet E. Wickersham (Gary).

He is survived by his children, Mary Short (Daniel), Margaret Shemeluk (John), and John R. Schilling IV (Rebecca Merlino). He is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews, close family friends and his most faithful canine companion Susie.

Born in the Fountain Hill Section of Bethlehem, PA, John graduated from Fountain Hill High School in 1954. He graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1958 with a degree in Sociology and Theology and went on to study and graduate from The Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia in the Mount Airy section of Germantown, PA. He was ordained May 28, 1961 at St. John's Overbrook Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA.

Reverend Schilling was the long time Pastor of St. John's Tinicum Memorial Lutheran Church in Essington, PA from 1974 until his retirement. Prior to then, he was pastor at Old Goshenhoppen Lutheran Church in Woxall, PA and Zion's & St John's Reed's Lutheran Church in Womelsdorf,

PA.

He was a founding member of the Goshenhoppen Historians, a Charter Member and past President of the White Ironstone China Association and a life member and previous Chaplain of the Essington Fire Company. Reverend Schilling was also a member of the Tinicum Township Historical Society and was an integral part of the Chaplain program at Taylor Hospital. John was a avid antiques collector, clock maker, woodworker and organ builder. He knew something about everything, and he loved to tinker. If he couldn't be found in his garage or in the back alley, he was probably at the beach in Ocean City, NJ where he maintained a summer home since 1978.

Visitation was Thursday, December 14th, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Griffith Funeral Chapel, Norwood Pa. Funeral Services held at St. John's Tinicum Lutheran Memorial Church in Essington, PA on Friday December 15th at 11:00 AM. Burial private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Delaware County Humane Society at 415 S 2nd Street, Darby PA 19023

Link to Online Obituary: <https://griffithfuneralchapel.com/obituary/reverend-john-r-schilling-iii/>

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA
Report of the Secretary – Changes to the Roster
April 14, 2023 to April 18, 2024**

Ordinations

Hopgood, Kayla J. (09/09/2023)
McNett, Mycah L. (10/14/2023)
Natalini, Thomas G. (02/24/2024)
Randolph, Wilmus R. (07/01/2023)

Deaths

The Rev. Dr. LaVonne Althouse
(12/15/2023)
The Rev. Danny (Dan) Bodine (09/05/2023)
The Rev. Gilbert E. Doan (01/27/2024)
The Rev. William (Bill) G. Erat
(11/08/2023)
The Rev. Arlene K. Greenwald (02/29/2024)
The Rev. Norman A. Hjelm (02/12/2024)
The Rev. John G. Huber, Jr. (05/17/2023)
The Rev. Hyacinth June Mordey Imhof
(01/16/2024)
The Rev. George E. Keck (09/18/2023)
The Rev. John R. Shilling, III (12/02/2023)

Transfer *from* Other Synods

Bartlett, Paul E. (retired) *from* Northeastern
Pennsylvania Synod (08/24/2023)
Hopgood, Miles *from* New Jersey Synod to
called as pastor to Good Shepherd
(Southampton) effective
(03/01/2024)
Lang, Thomas (retired) *from* Northeastern
Pennsylvania Synod effective
(02/12/2024)
Martell, Luther *from* Southeast Michigan
Synod, called as pastor to St.
Matthew's (Perkasie) Church
(11/13/2023)
Mattison, Robin (retired) *from* New England
Synod (03/13/2024)
Steiner, Jonathan *from* South Dakota Synod,
called as associate pastor to Trinity
(Lansdale) effective (11/17/2023)

Transferred to Other Synods

Barkhau, Beth (retired) **to** South Carolina Synod (12/06/2023)
Hilgendorf, Kevin (retired) **to** New Jersey Synod (03/14/2023)
Kerr, Sally (retired) **to** Northeastern Ohio Synod 06/23/2023)
Penman, David (retired) **to** North Carolina Synod (03/13/2024)
Peterson, Julie **to** Metropolitan Chicago Synod effective (08/07/2023)
Roper, Jane (retired) **to** Northeastern Ohio Synod 06/23/2023)
Whitener, B. Daniel **to** New Jersey Synod (12/01/2023)

Invitation to Extended Service – Full Communion Partners

Cain, Lauren PA Southeast Conference – United Church of Christ (UCC) serving as pastor at Grace (Pottstown) – effective (10/30/2022)
Nelson, Karen (Presbyterian Church-USA) serving as pastor at Trinity (Fairview Village) – effective (04/21/2024)
Scott, Anthony L. (Rocky Mountain UCC) serving as pastor at Reformation (Philadelphia) – effective (05/30/2023)

Roster Changes

Aasheim, Sarah from pastor at Grace (Wyndmoor) to called as pastor to Trinity (Perkasie) effective 03/03/2024)
Crouthamel, Russell K. from pastor at St. Mark's (Pennsburg) to called as pastor to St. John's (Phoenixville) effective (03/01/2024)
Detweiler, Carol to retired effective (02/01/2023)
Eaddy, Cornelius from pastor at Emanuel (Philadelphia) on leave from call (11/01/2023)

Glod, Deborah Ann resigned from roster (08/01/2023)
Hahn, Norbert from pastor at Immanuel (Philadelphia) to on leave from call (08/07/2023)
Hart, Karen from pastor at Holy Communion (Philadelphia) to retired effective (10/01/2023)
Hopgood, Kayla from seminary to called as pastor at Ascension (Washington Crossing) effective (09/09/2023)
King, Gayle retirement effective (01/01/2008)
Krais, Janelle from pastor at Grace (Royersford) to retired effective (05/01/2023)
Lang, Susan from on leave to interim ministry at St. John's (Spinnerstown) effective (02/13/2023)
McKinzie, Mary Julia retired effective (09/01/2016)
McNett, Mycah L. from seminary to called As pastor to Saint Luke (Devon) effective (10/14/2023)
Natalini, Thomas G. from seminary to called as pastor/mission developer at St. David's (Philadelphia) effective (02/24/2024)
Ness, Timothy from pastor at St. Mark's (Clifton Heights) to on leave from call effective (01/01/2022)
Peterman, Janet from on leave from call to interim ministry at Christ Ascension (Mt. Airy) effective (03/01/2023)
Randolph, Wilmus R. from seminary to called as pastor at Christ Upper Darby effective (07/01/2023)
Tonkin, Bruce from active ministry to retired effective (06/27/2021)
Quincy, Elaine from on leave from call effective (09/16/2023) to retired effective (03/01/2024)
Wright, Josephine from active ministry to retired effective (09/28/2014)