



Rev. John Clayton Binkley

April 26, 1949 - April 2, 2023

Reverend John Clayton Binkley, 73, of Palmyra passed away on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023.

at the M.S. Hershey Medical Center. He is survived by his loving wife of over 53 years, Elizabeth A. (Garmirian) Binkley.

Born in Terre Hill, PA on April 26th, 1949, he was the son of the late Ira J. and Pauline (Nolt) Binkley.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three children, John Christian Binkley, husband of Barbara of Lebanon, Matthew J. Binkley, husband of Deidre of Groton,

Connecticut, Cynthia L. Snavely, wife of Mark of Lebanon, a brother, James Binkley, husband of Kathy of Campbelltown, a sister, Joan Good, wife of Dwight

of New Holland, and six grandchildren, Chloe Froton, Madison Binkley, Devyn Binkley, Alexis Binkley, Elise Snavely, and Evan Snavely.

John graduated from Elizabethtown College with a BS in History in 1971.

Later he went to Lancaster Theological Seminary and graduated with a master's degree in divinity in 1980. He was a pastor at several different churches in the area. He also served as a volunteer EMT in Hellam, PA, did substitute teaching on his day off and was a tour guide at Indian Echo Caverns. When he retired, he served as an interim at other local churches, helped with several cat rescue groups while fostering cats and kittens with his wife. He loved fishing, hiking, and spending time at the Binkley cabin in

Adam's County. He also enjoyed reading and being with his family and friends and his cats and dogs.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11AM on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 40 W. Pine St, Palmyra, PA 17078. There will be a light luncheon following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501

St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to Cocoa Kitties, 862 E. Chocolate Ave,

Hershey, PA 17033, in his memory. Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory, Annville is handling arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity United Church of Christ
40 W. Pine Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I was very sorry to hear of John's passing. I beleive the last time I spoke with John was at our 50th class reunion. John and I spent a lot of time together playing at his home on Fairview Street. We were distant cousins but I'm not clear on how that happened. We spent time together in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explores. I have great memories of our trips to the mountains in Sullivan County with John's dad, Ira. We were very close friends during our time at Terre Hill Elementary. I beleive all who knew John will miss him greatly.
Barry Habalar

Barry Habalar - April 18, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. John Clayton Binkley.



April 08, 2023 at 02:56 PM

JH

“ I remember John from GSHS days as a tall, thin handsome guy with quick smile and witty personality. I was grateful for the times he attended our class reunions despite his poor health. May you all sense God's tender words, "I am your God and I will be your comfort."

Janice Martin Hurst - April 07, 2023 at 08:38 AM

LT

I can remember growing up with John . Especially every year when we had bible school and we had to walk down to the old Terre Hill school a few blocks from the church . He was always happy and witty .May God bless his resting place.

Linda Palsgrove Thum

Linda Palsgrove Thum - April 08, 2023 at 10:36 PM

RD

Deepest sympathy from some old friends. John was a great pastor for Trinity in Hellam and a great friend. Prayers for Beth and family.

Rose and Gary Dube

Rose Dube - April 09, 2023 at 09:03 PM

SS

“ *I have always thought of John as both a Warrior and a Shepherd. A brave man not afraid to share his beliefs. A kind man...A man with a wonderful sense of humor. A devoted family man whose love seems to shine in his wife and children. Truly a man of God and truly a man who will be missed 🙏*

*With respect and love,
Sally Starr*

sally starr - April 06, 2023 at 01:46 PM

VD

Remembering you John as our pastor at Trinity UCC in Hellam, as our kids grew up together and Remember you fondled as there minister. Love and Blessings to your family. May you rest in peace. Vickie Dietz-Carroll-Kelly

Vickie Dietz-Carroll-Kelly - April 06, 2023 at 07:53 PM



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April 05, 2023 at 03:42 PM



“ *Fond memories of John as we worked as tour guides @ Indian Echo, he always added some humor to work. Also remember Pastor John doing a blessing of the dogs when Relay for Life did a “Bring your pet day” @ Indian Echo. We also shared some breakfasts @ the Filling Station.*

John was God’s example of how to live your life.

Chuck Shaffner - April 05, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *I think you and your wife took in two of my cats which I had to find good homes for because of my worsening asthma. I worked at CCC with Beth! God’s love be with you!*

Mary Alice Why - April 05, 2023 at 12:28 PM

NW

“ Dear Mrs. Binkley and Family:

We, the Wenger Family, are members of Grace UCC in Richland. We really enjoyed your husband and Father. When he preached, he made everything come to life. He always was so glad to see everyone. He really liked and loved life and his family. Thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. May he rest in peace. Be assured, you will see him in heaven.

Jay L., Nancy, and Jay D. Wenger

Nancy Wenger - April 05, 2023 at 10:10 AM