



Russell C. Wentling

February 5, 1933 - July 20, 2011

The Reverend Russell Clarence Wentling of South Yarmouth, MA died Wednesday, July 20 at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MA after a brief illness related to his battle with bladder cancer. He was 78 years old. Surviving him are his wife of 56 years, Alice (Flannery) Wentling, son and daughter-in-law Jeffrey and Karen Wentling of New York, son and daughter-in-law Gary and Nancy Wentling of Foxborough, MA, daughter and son-in-law Charles and Kathy (Wentling) Walker of Morgantown, PA and daughter Betty Jeanne Wentling of Reading, PA; eleven grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers. Born the seventh child of Clarence and Jennie (Bohn) Wentling on February 5, 1933, and reared in Ono, PA, The Rev. Wentling was a graduate of Jonestown (PA) High School and The King's College of New York, where he met Alice Flannery. They were married on January 29, 1955 in Tonawanda, NY. The Rev. Wentling earned degrees from Dallas (TX) Theological Seminary, Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown, PA, and Princeton Seminary in Princeton NJ. He was ordained into the Evangelical United Brethren denomination in 1964 and served churches throughout Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, first in the Evangelical United Brethren denomination and then the United Methodist church for more than 40 years. Though he retired to Cape Cod after his fulltime pastoral service had concluded, The Rev. Wentling remained very active in the Gospel ministry, serving several churches scattered throughout the Central and Eastern U.S. as interim pastor. He concluded his most recent interim pastorate in June 2010. A lifelong

correspondent and writer, he also served on boards closely related to his passion and ministry: The Board of Mission of the Good News Movement in the United Methodist church, the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the U.M. Church, and the Board of Trustees of The King's College. Visiting hours will be held from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 24 at Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home & Crematory, Rt. 72 and Camp Meeting Rd., Jonestown, PA, and from 10:00 – 11:00 am Monday, July 25 at the Ono United Methodist Church. A funeral service will follow at 11:00 am Monday at the church. Interment will be at the Salem Evangelical Cemetery, Ono. in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in The Rev. Wentling's name to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

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Tribute Wall

LS

“ Alice & family, My heart is saddened to hear of the passing of Pastor Russ. He found a good battle but God told him it was time to come home with Him. He will be surely missed. My prayers for you and the family that God will comfort you during your time of bereavement. God Bless, Lindy

Lindy Sipe - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Alice, Lots of love to you from the Derricos. I moved down here to Lancaster a couple of years after college and now work as a computer programmer for the Mennonite Central Committee (intl. relief and development). I am married to Anne and have 3 kids, Abby, 9; Alex 8 and Rose, 5. I've got it good right now. We are all praising God for his love at Crossroads Mennonite Church ... but we still connect with our Methodist friends here in town (Kent Kroehler's old church) and at Pocono Plateau (going there this weekend). I'm incredibly sorry to hear about Russ. He was way too young. I have great memories of being in the Disciple (I think that was the name) class/study with you and Russ the first year you were at Emmanuel. You are in our prayers! Jack 717-399-4993 jackderrico@yahoo.com And I called my mom, Marilyn Derrico to let her know. Here's what she asked me to type: "I'm so sorry to learn about the passing of your husband, Russ. My sincerest sympathy. - Marilyn"

Jack Derrico - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Alice, Sorry to hear about Russ. You are in my thoughts and prayers for healing. May you look to your memories for comfort and your faith for peace and hope. Take care. Ruth Ensley

Ruth Ensley - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Alice and family, Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to you. We will be in touch.

Julie and Jessie Hanford - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ Dear Alice, Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. My first encounter with Pastor Russ was at Medway Village Church during our visits with our daughter Carrie and her husband Bryan (Sullo). Also, upon request, he officiated at their wedding. To my surprise, he popped in for a visit twice during my lengthy stay at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. I was shocked to see him! These visits meant so much to me, still do and I will always be grateful. My own pastor didn't come. Once again Alice, I will continue to pray for you but now for God's comfort for all of you during such a sad time as this. With love and sympathy, Norma & Vic Jubinville PS: Pastor Russ, have a good rest and we'll see you soon. Thanks so much for coming to see me while I was in the hospital in PA. Your visit meant so much to me. I'll be keeping Alice and your family in my prayers.
Love, Norma

Norma Jubinville - July 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Rev Wentling was my 8th grade geography teacher at Harding Jr. High in Lebanon, PA; Later on in 1982, he married my late husband and I at our niece's home. Heaven will be3 blessed upon his arrival. My sincere condolences to his family.

Sheree Tice-Thomas - July 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM