



Wallace B. Landes, Jr.

February 11, 1952 - September 21, 2017

The Reverend Doctor Wallace B. Landes, Jr., of Palmyra, PA, passed away on Thursday, September 21, 2017 surrounded by his family and the love and prayers of all who knew him.

Wally was born in Waynesboro, VA, on February 11, 1952, to Wallace and Mary Coffman Landes. He studied and graduated with degrees from Bridgewater College, Bethany Seminary, Loyola College, Baltimore, Institute For Pastoral Care, VA, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was married to Bonnie Simmonds Landes on August 3, 1974, in Baltimore, MD.

Wally pastored three churches; the Reisterstown Church of the Brethren, the Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, and he most recently served the Palmyra Church of the Brethren as Senior Pastor for 25 years. He served on the Church of the Brethren district and brotherhood boards, taught as an adjunct faculty member for Lebanon Valley College and Elizabethtown College, served through PACC, served the Brethren Housing Association, and was a member of the Palmyra Rotary Club.

In his free time, Wally enjoyed camping and canoeing in Algonquin, travelling, motorcycling, and celebrating holidays and special moments with his family and friends.

Wally is survived by his wife, Bonnie, his two children, Matt and Kendra, his grandchildren, Ben and Emma, two brothers, Ken Landes and Treacy Landes, and a sister, Deborah Thompson.

A memorial service will be held at the Palmyra Church of the Brethren, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM. The service will be followed with a luncheon and visitation in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Wally's memory to the following places: The Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011; Londonderry Village Benevolent Fund, 1200 Grubb Road, Palmyra, PA 17078; or The Caring Cupboard, 131 North Railroad Street, Palmyra, PA 17078.

Wally will be sorely missed, but never forgotten. His legacy will live on through the lives that he touched with his kindness, his sense of humor, his warmth, his dedication to ministry, but most of all, his love.

** Bonnie wishes to invite you to the recital of pre-service music and pictorial slideshow remembering Wally which will begin at 10:30AM just before his "Celebration of Life Service" on Saturday, November 11 at Palmyra Church of the Brethren. The service itself will begin at 11:00 AM.

Please be aware that November 11 also happens to be Palmyra's Holiday Parade beginning at noon. The main road, 422, will be closed at 11:00AM for the parade. We are mentioning this, especially for people who may be coming from out of town, so that you can give yourself a little extra time to travel without getting caught in detour traffic either from east or west on 422. If you arrive early for the pre-service recital, you should have no problem with navigating the detour.

Previous Events

Pre-Service Recital

NOV 11. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Palmyra Church of the Brethren
45 N. Chestnut Street
Palmyra, PA 17078

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ I was just a youth when I was on a team charged with selecting a new pastor at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren in Monrovia, MD. I connected with Wally right away. He was our choice, and we felt blessed to have him for those years. Heartfelt condolences to his family and to his church family in PA on his passing. He was special. -Diane Rey, Annapolis MD

Diane Rey - October 04, 2017 at 10:26 AM

CG

“ Bonnie, Matt, and Kendra,

It is hard to understand why a passionate, gifted, caring man such as Wally, leaves us at such a young age. Although your hearts are heavy now, reflecting on all the marvelous deeds he did, and individuals he comforted in both sad and happy times, are a wonderful gift you will treasure forever.

On a personal note, Wally provided compassion and strength both during and following a life threatening automobile accident which could have taken my life. As pastor, he spoke many prayers and visited often during this difficult time. We were thankful to have a pastor such as Wally.

At Christmas time it was always an honor and pleasure when the two Landes' children were dropped off at our house and entrusted in our care, giving Dad and Mom time to enjoy an evening together shopping and preparing for the holiday season. This was a special time for all of us!

We shall never forget Wally!

Carl and Doris Grubb

Carl and Doris Grubb - September 28, 2017 at 12:08 PM

RB

“ *Many fond memories. One was when the youth group kidnapped him and declared ransom as a fund- raiser. He was a good sport. Also, how supportive he was getting Parish nursing initiated at PCoB. Wally was a compassionate man and cared about all people. Blessings to you, the family. Brenda and Russ*

Russ and Brenda Bucher - September 27, 2017 at 03:47 PM

GP

“ Dear Bonnie, Matt, and Kendra,

Wally will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him as a pastor and friend. My daughter Michele and I will always be grateful for his love and support during Joe's illness and following his death, and his help with Joe's funeral service. Wally will always be remembered as being kind, compassionate and having a great sense of humor!

Love and Sympathy,

Gloria Pavone

Gloria Pavone - September 27, 2017 at 02:01 PM

SW

“ *What can one say about this kind, compassionate man of God. he was there for me when my son was given a death sentence from cancer in 1986 and several years later when my daughter was in a very bad accident. when family issues arised, he was there for me as a counselor and gave me advise to put me on the right path to handle thsoe issues. to me and my children, there will be no one like Wally. To the Landes Family, remember this.....When you are sorrowful, look again into your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight. You are in my constant prayers.*

Susan Weaver - September 25, 2017 at 05:04 PM

JF

“ Wally's voice will always resonate as my fondest memory of him. Having known the Landis Family for many years was my blessing. We shared many heartfelt conversations as committee members, and friends. Wally displayed honesty and kindness always. His absence will be sad, but his light will still shine brightly from the love that remains with his family.
May God bless your lives with memories of him.



Jan Smith Spahr Finnefrock - September 24, 2017 at 03:06 PM

HB

“ Matt, Kendra and Bonnie, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time and in the days ahead. Wally was a vibrant and positive force in this community. He will be missed.
Hal Barrett

Hal Barrett - September 24, 2017 at 02:47 PM