

LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION NECROLOGY



Paul Kiewit died September 6, 2022. He graduated from Heidelberg University, where he met his wife, Dorothy. They were married upon his graduation from Eden Theological Seminary on November 9, 1946. He began his ministry in the United Church of Christ on the staff of St. John's Church, Columbus, and then served other Ohio congregations in Canal Winchester, Massillon, Akron, and Canton, retiring as Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ after a 16-year tenure. Paul had a significant pastoral ministry. He was a member and officer of the founding board of Planned Parenthood in Akron and a trustee of Heidelberg University, and founder of Hope Homes Foundation. He was a member of the United Church Homes Board, serving as chair for three years. Active in the UCC's Living Water Association, he served as Secretary and Moderator; and within the Heartland Conference of the UCC he was on the Board of Trustees and headed its Finance and Investment committees. Eden Seminary acknowledged his significant ministry and mission interests both at home and abroad with the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1972. The Council for Health and Human Services Ministry of the United Church of Christ awarded him its "Hall of Fame" award in 1978, and his Alma Mater, Heidelberg University, presented him its "Alumni Citation Award" in 1994, the 50th anniversary of his graduation. United Church Homes presented him with its first "Legacy Leadership Award" in 2018. He was Pastor Emeritus of both Trinity Church in Canton and David's United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester, and was President Emeritus of Hope Homes Foundation.

Bob Lahr died December 18, 2022. Rev. Lahr graduated from Heidelberg College in 1957 and went on to Eden Theological Seminary, graduating in 1962. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ on January 27, 1963. Rev. Lahr served First UCC in Lakewood from 1968 -1979, Immanuel UCC in Cleveland from 1979 -1983, and Brooklyn Trinity UCC beginning in 1991 until his retirement. Additionally, he served several UCC Churches in Ohio and Indiana and as a chaplain to fire departments.



John Bertsch died February 23, 2023. John was born May 13, 1933 to J. Theodore and Eleanor Bertsch, of Toledo Ohio. He graduated from the Ohio State University in 1955, and later from Yale Divinity School. John was an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ who served at churches in Duluth, MN, Kent, OH, Hartville, OH, and several other churches as interim minister in Northeast Ohio. In retirement John served on the boards of United Church Homes and Tuesday Musical Association of Akron. John was an avid golfer, and enjoyed following the PGA tour often visiting many of the matches as a spectator. John is preceded in death by his parents Ted and Eleanor, brother David, great granddaughter Adeline, and loving wife of 61 years, Jeanette Bertsch.

Marvin Schrolucke died February 26, 2023. Marvin was born in New Knoxville, Ohio, to Elmer and Louisa Schrolucke. He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years, Joanne Schrolucke (Smilek), sister Lela Van Leuven and brother Ralph Schrolucke. He is survived by stepsons Mark (Debbie) Smilek, Matthew (Sandi) Smilek, and Marty (Charlotte) Smilek, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Also surviving are sister Sharon (Bev) Minnich of Piqua, Ohio, sister-in-law Annette Schrolucke of New Knoxville, 7 nieces and 2 nephews. Marvin completed his undergrad studies at Lakeland College, then attended United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, graduating with a Masters in 1971. Through the years, Marvin served as pastor for several United Church of Christ congregations in the Midwest states. He enjoyed traveling with Joanne, crossword puzzles and spending time with family when he wasn't involved in church activities.



Charles Ellis Brown, Jr died March 26, 2023. He loved the blues, gospel music and Whitney Houston. He was always dressed to impress ready at any time to put on a suit, tie and shiny shoes. Charles had a love of cars. Some of his favorite cars were the 1969 hardtop and convertible VW Karman Ghia, 1975 MGB, 79 Mercury Cougar XR7. He loved to travel, always planning his next vacation. Charles enjoyed reading and would often boast about once reading all the books in the library. Upon his transition to life eternal, he was the lead pastor of Sheffield Lake United Church of Christ. He held executive and pastoral care roles for several different organizations including Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, Mississippi, Auburn Community Church, Chesterland, Ohio and Treasurer for United black Christians, a ministry of UCC.

Art Arvay died May 14, 2023. Art was born on December 19, 1935, in Saskatchewan, Canada and led a joyous and fulfilling life dedicated to loving and serving God and caring for his family, friends and community. He received his bachelor's degree from Heidelberg University in 1958 where he met and married his late wife, Lyn Schmidt. Following his father's footsteps, he completed his Master of Divinity degree and was ordained in 1961. Art and Lyn raised three children as he served several congregations over 35 years of Christian Ministry in Florida and Ohio, including 19 years as senior minister of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge from 1963 to 1982. Art and Lyn moved to Wooster in 1999, where they became members of Trinity United Church of Christ. He sang in the choir and worked with the breakfast program.

