

LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION NECROLOGY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



Rev. Ricardo James Wilberg died October 10, 2019. He was a graduate of United Theological Seminary and served as pastor of Denison Avenue UCC from 1991 to 2003 where he nurtured the ministries of community engagement and mission outreach. In retirement, he founded Joyful Noise Neighborhood Music School to offer free lessons to gifted and motivated families in need.

Rev. Milton David Jones died February 2, 2020. He was a graduate of Heidelberg University and Eden Theological Seminary and served UCC congregations in Uniontown, Wooster, Shaker Heights, Cincinnati, as well as in Boulder and St Louis, MO.



Rev. Roderick Coffee died February 26, 2020. He was a graduate of Ashland University and served the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Painesville, 1994 to 2020. His ministry began with a focus on youth which came to form the foundation of a legacy of charity and outreach that continued throughout his career. He created the Roots and Wings program which seeks to educate minority children about their cultural roots while facilitating job education and opportunities with local businesses. He also served on the Lake County NAACP and sat on the board of Begin the Conversation about Race. He was granted the honorary title of Bishop in 2019.

Rev. Ralph Quellhorst died June 23, 2020. He was a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary and served the Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Bluffton before taking a number of positions at the association, conference, and denominational levels. He served as an adjunct professor at Ohio Northern 1963-1965. In 1967 until 1975, Quellhorst was an Associate Association Minister for Northwest Ohio, Ohio Conference and the Associate for Leadership Development for the Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ. In 1975 he served as an adjunct professor at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri, and as an associate for the Office for Church Life and Leadership, United Church of Christ in NYC. During this time he also served as an adjunct professor in the New York Theological Seminary. From 1982-1992, Quellhorst served as Indiana /Kentucky Conference Minister, United Church of Christ. From 1993-2003, Rev. Dr. Quellhorst served as the Ohio Conference Minister and Executive, United Church of Christ. Quellhorst retired in 2003.





Rev. Shirley Malzer died September 13, 2020. She preferred the Christian education side of ministry, however, she served in numerous interim pastoral positions including the following churches, Auburn Community Church, she was the Assistant Pastor at Newbury United Community Church alongside her husband, First Congregational Church of Painesville and Fairport Harbor Congregational Church UCC from where she retired. She was passionate about helping others, was dedicated to her faith and was known for always having a bright smile on her face.

Rev. Wendell “Evan” Golder died September 7, 2020. He was known as the editor of the United Church of Christ’s monthly newspaper, ***United Church News***, from its start in 1985 until his retirement in 2003. Evan worked as a community organizer in Oakland CA and North West River, Labrador, training local people for leadership. He mentored and volunteered at civil rights demonstrations. He visited prisoners, even on death row, served bread and soup in the slums of Johannesburg. He was a member of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Cleveland.

