

LIVING WATER ASSOCIATION NECROLOGY



Bryan Manary died December 2, 2021. He was born on December 6, 1958, the son of John and Jean (Courtright) Manary. He was a graduate of Lake Catholic High School and also of Northern Seminary in Lisle, IL.

While he did not hold standing in the Living Water Association, Bryan was the beloved and faithful minister of the United Church of Geneva. He was also active at Camp Koinonia and served on the Board for the American Baptist Association of Ohio.

Rev. Bruce Haltom died December 17, 2021. Rev. Haltom passed away on Friday, December 17. He was born in Dallas, Texas on August 6, 1952. He was the pastor of Ragersville Zion United Church of Christ and many other churches throughout his life. In his younger years, he worked in construction and enjoyed many hands on projects. His passion in life was to serve God and be a vessel in spreading his love wherever he went. He graduated from Vennard Bible College in Iowa in 1975 and obtained his Masters of Divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City in 1984.



Rev. Don Norenberg died March 25, 2022. Don is survived by his wife Joanne (Breyer) Norenberg, son Eric Norenberg of Boalsburg, PA, daughter Amy (Norenberg) Burkhardt of Leland, NC, grandchildren Zachary Norenberg, Jana Burkhardt, Molly Norenberg, Camille Burkhardt and Brianne Burkhardt. Don served as pastor of West Park, United Church of Christ (Cleveland), Immanuel UCC (Zanesville, OH), and Snowhill UCC (Springfield, OH), and Associate Pastor of Olmsted Falls Community Church. He has degrees from Yale Divinity School and Beloit College (WI).



Rev. Bill Armstrong died May 3, 2022. He married Gloria (Cassler) Armstrong on June 7, 1953. Their loving and inspiring marriage lasted for 61 years until Gloria's death in 2014. He was ordained as a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1957. Bill served Calvary UCC in Philadelphia from 1957-1966, after which he served as an administrator, Associate Director and Director of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and Swaziland (now Eswatini). He and Gloria raised their four children, Lonson, Elaine, Lester and Bill, Jr., in Africa. On returning to the US in 1971, Bill served at Burton Congregational Church in Burton, OH, until his retirement in 1997. He has

published 10 books, on history, Ethiopian proverbs and about ministry. He lived out his ministry for the rest of his days, showing love to all whom he encountered.



Rev. Jim Deitz died May 11, 2022. He was born December 10, 1928 and ordained in 1955 and was a minister for over 60 years. He served several churches in NE Ohio, including Community Congregational UCC in Amherst and Avon Lake UCC, where he assisted with pastoral care. He was also an active member at the First Church in Oberlin until moving to The Trinity Community at Beaver Creek, a United Church Homes community. Jim was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who delighted in family life.

He was an avid photographer, canoeist, hiker, pianist, singer, and scholar, who could always be found with a book in hand. Jim had a gift for friendship, making and keeping dear friends all his life.

Rev. Rich Plant died July 15, 2022. Rich was a faithful servant of God and the United Church of Christ with a calling to spiritual learning and growth. For 21 years he served the Living Water Association as the Association's Associate Minister (then Eastern Ohio and Eastern Ohio/Western Reserve), caring for ministers, walking with members in discernment, teaching spiritual practices, and guiding the Association in the light of the Holy Spirit. He served as Associate Pastor at St. John's UCC in Dover, and Trinity UCC in Canton, and as pastor of Westfield Congregational Church



UCC in Westfield, New Jersey, and a three-point charge in Hagerstown, Keedysville, and Boonesboro, Maryland. Rich was a gifted spiritual director, having completed his spiritual direction training at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington, DC. He served as the convenor of the Shalem Midwest Region and was a member of the Shalem Society for Contemplative Leadership. He brought a special gift of leading Qi Gong as a spiritual practice in many different settings.



Rev. 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. 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.