

IN MEMORY

Necrology Report - 2009

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6

This report begins after the 2008 Synod Assembly in Lexington, KY. The following rostered leaders, spouses, and special friends of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod -- having completed their race in this life -- have now entered by the love, mercy and grace of our Triune God into the Church Triumphant, there to receive the reward of the faithful.

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The **Reverend Dr. Robert Bruce Poston**, spouse of The **Reverend Mary Poston**, was called to the Church Triumphant on July 5, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Pastor Mary, three sons and wives, Robert B. Poston II and Denise, of Trenton, NJ; Erik J. Poston and Vicky, of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; and Steven D. Poston and Trisha Johns of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; two brothers, five grandchildren and three nephews. A memorial service was held at 11: a.m., July 14, 2008, at Christ Lutheran Church, Madisonville, KY with the Rev. Robert L. Hetzel officiating. His ashes were to be spread in the Shenandoah Mountains, VA. In lieu of flowers, contributions were made to the Mission of Grace, Evansville, In, or Christ Lutheran Church, Madisonville, KY.

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The **Reverend Wilbur Dean Miller**, was called to the Church Triumphant on July 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Joann (Heine) Miller; his son, Stewart C. Miller, Houston, Texas; and his daughter, Kathy (LaVern) Nisley, Goshen, IN. Visitation was held at First English Lutheran Church, in Goshen on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 and the funeral was held on Thursday, July 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at First English with Pastor Gene Hollingsworth preaching and presiding. In lieu of flowers, memorials were made to First English Lutheran Church.

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The **Reverend Roger C. Dierks**, was called to the Church Triumphant, on July 17, 2008. He is survived by his wife Elsabea; sons, Jeffrey Dierks and daughter-in-law, Diane, and son Stephen Dierks. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. prior to the 2:00 p.m. funeral on July 26, 2008, at Elvira Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton, IA. Memorials were given to Little Lamb Day Care in Carmel, IN.

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The **Reverend Donald Richter**, was called to the Church Triumphant on December, 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and children, Steven Richter of LaPorte, IN; Jeff Richter of Portland, OR; David (Carol) Richter of Albion; Donna (John) Sarage of Xenia, OH, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Calling took place at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, on December 26th and also one hour prior to the funeral service. The Rev. Ralph Easterhaus officiated at the funeral service that was held December 27, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lake Township, Ft. Wayne, IN. At the request of Pastor Richter, memorial contributions were to be made to Cole Center YMCA in Kendallville, IN, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, IN.

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The **Reverend Robert L. Whitenack**, was called to the Church Triumphant on January 21, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Donna, and son David (Pamela) of Hershey, PA, and a daughter Marie (Michael) Schmitt of Evansville, IN, and two grandsons, Matthew Whitenack and Aaron Schmitt. A private family service was held at Boone Funeral Home, Evansville, IN with interment at the Lutheran Cemetery, Evansville, IN. A memorial service of celebration was held on Saturday, February 7, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Newburgh, IN. The Rev. Tom Vanselow and Bishop Emeritus Ralph Kempinski officiated at the service.

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The **Reverend Roger A. Schmidt**, was called to the Church Triumphant on March 14, 2009. He is survived by his wife Betty (Klapel) Schmidt; son, Derek Schmidt; daughter, Tammy Leonard; 10 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; sister, Mae Muschinske; and brother, Howard Schmidt. Visitation was held on Friday, March 20 from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Palmer Funeral Home in South Bend, IN. The funeral was at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21.