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MEMORIALS

HAROLD VAN BROEKHOVEN

Harold Van Broekhoven was born on February 10, 1913 in East Rutherford, New Jersey. His mother died when he was a child, so he was adopted by his step-sister. He grew up in the Dutch Reformed Church, but was saved at a Baptist church. Upon finishing high school, Harold attended Wheaton College, and received his A.B. degree in 1935. At Dallas Theological Seminary Harold finished his Th.M. degree in 1939, then took an additional twenty-two hours of postgraduate work.

From 1940–1956 Harold was a missionary with CAM International, serving primarily as a professor at the Central American Bible Institute in Guatemala. He was also the founder and director of Radio Cultural TGNA, Guatemala City. From 1956–1964 Harold worked with WRMF, Inc., and has since served as the executive director of Outreach, Inc., and the Institute of Theological Studies, both in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A Doctor of Divinity was conferred on Harold by Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Harold was affiliated with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

After a bout with pancreatic cancer, Harold suffered a stroke and died on June 30, 1997. He lived eighty-four years four months and twenty days. He is survived by his son Rollin of Washington; daughter Cora Lou of Grand Rapids; son Harold of Delaware, Ohio and daughter Lois of Grand Rapids; along with nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harold had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for seventeen years.

JOHN ALEXANDER BURNS

John Alexander Burns, both in Philadelphia on October 9, 1927, was the first of the three sons of Jackie and Peggie Burns, immigrants from Scotland. John quit high school to serve with the United States Navy in the Pacific during the last years of World War II. John became a Christian after attending a Bible study while working as a courier for Liberty Life Insurance. He then studied for full time Christian service at Philadelphia College of Bible and Temple University before heading for Africa to work with the Sudan Interior Mission in 1954.

John was united in marriage with Marian Neal, daughter of Hal E. Neal and Hazel Stauffer, on February 22, 1955 in Fada n' Gourma, Upper Volta, now known as Birkin Fasa in West Africa. Their wedding was conducted in three ceremonies in three different languages that day. John taught elementary school in the French and Gourma languages, while Marian, a registered nurse, did medical work. They teamed up for evangelization as well.

Returning to the United States in 1957, John completed his B.A. degree at Barrington College in 1958, followed by a Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1961, and later a Th.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1970. John held pastorates in Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and planted churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including the Bridedale Baptist Church of Metairie, Louisiana from 1966–69.

John and Marian adopted two children, John Jr. in 1961 and Margaret in 1963. Both are now married with children of their own.

John's teaching career included being professor of New Testament at Hannibal-LeGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri, now named Missouri Baptist College (1969–75), Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia (1975–77), Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Florida (1977–81), and Criswell College in Dallas, Texas (1981 until his retirement in 1991). Dr. Burns continued to teach part-time at Florida Baptist College in Orlando, Florida, and at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's extension in Orlando.

John also served in most of the libraries of the schools where he taught and had an extensive personal library of nearly 20,000 volumes. John wrote numerous articles and helped translate the New International Version and the New King James Version. He was conversant with Arabic, Latin, French, German, Gourma, Danish, and Gaelic from Scotland and Wales. John and Marian travelled widely through Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thailand where John held Bible studies. John had a love for music with his high tenor voice, and also was gifted at illustrating with drawings.

John was at home in Dallas, Texas late in the afternoon on Sunday, March 1, 1998, when he passed into the presence of the Christ he loved and served, after a three-month bout with esophageal cancer. He lived seventy years, four months and twenty days and is interred in Restland Cemetery in Dallas. He is survived by his wife Marian; his brothers Thomas and Alexander Burns of New York City; his son John Alexander Burns and wife Christine of Dallas with their sons Nicholas Alexander (6), Collin James (4), and Zachary Brice; his daughter Margaret Ruth Nelson and her husband Phillip, missionaries in Thailand, and their children David Aaron (5) and Karis (2); and by three nieces.

John had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for almost twenty-six years.

JOHN BULLEN CRAIG

John Bullen Craig was born on February 17, 1915 in Bandon, County Cork, Ireland into the family of Thomas and Sarah (Bullen) Craig. He had one sister, Ellen Wheeler Thompson, who was ten years older than he. John placed his faith in Christ when just nine years old.

After a few years' work in accounting, John began to study for the ministry at Irish Baptist College, where he received a diploma in 1949. He continued his education at the University of London in England, and was

graduated with his B.A. degree in 1952 and his Bachelor of Divinity in 1955. During his studies, John was an assistant pastor of Cork Baptist Church in 1949–50, then served as minister of the Windsor Baptist Church in Belfast from 1950–56.

In 1953, John married Marion Shaw McIntyre at the Windsor Baptist Church where he was pastor. Three years later, John and Marion moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where John pastored Ward Memorial Baptist Church for three years. Moving to Ontario in 1959, John served the Lorne Park Baptist Church from 1959–63, then the Midland Baptist Church from 1963–72. During those years, John also studied at Wycliffe College of the Toronto School of Graduate Theological Studies, completing his Master of Theology degree in 1974.

John pastored the Bethany Baptist Church in Toronto from 1974 until retirement in 1984, but has since served more than thirty congregations as interim pastor and pulpit supply. John was an avid reader of theological materials and Irish history and contributed articles to several denominational papers. John and Marion travelled widely through Canada and spent extended vacations in Ireland. John and Marion had no children, but discipled many young adults and saw three of these ordained to full time gospel ministry.

John had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for nearly twenty-seven years when he passed away on Thursday, August 28, 1997 at East General Hospital in Toronto. Burial was at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. John's life spanned eighty-two years, six months and eleven days. He is survived by his wife Marion, and many nieces and nephews in Canada, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

ARNOLD DOUGLAS EHLERT

Arnold Douglas Ehlert was born on April 22, 1909 in Mondovi, Wisconsin, the eldest son of Richard and Cora Ehlert. Arnold received his A.B. degree from John Fletcher College in University Park, Iowa in 1932. He served with the Volunteers of America in Rockford, Illinois, doing charitable and social service work for the next six years, and also enlisted in the Army Reserve in 1933 and later the Illinois and Texas National Guards.

On December 25, 1933, Arnold married Thelma Amanda Adolphs. They celebrated sixty-four years of marriage just one week before Thelma passed away in 1997. Three children, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Eunice were born to this union.

In 1938, the Ehlerts arrived in Dallas, Texas, where Arnold received both his Th.M. in 1942, and his Th.D. degree in 1945 from Dallas Theological Seminary. He served as the librarian of that institution from 1942–1948, when he was called to be Fuller Theological Seminary's librarian. Arnold received his M.S.L.S. at the University of Southern California in 1953.

In 1954, Arnold became librarian at Biola College and Talbot Theological Seminary, a position he held for twenty years. In 1974, at age sixty-five, he

moved to San Diego to become librarian at Christian Heritage College, and finally served as Director of the Library at the Institute of Creation Research from 1980–1988. During his forty-six years as a librarian, Dr. Ehlert brought the highest standards of accreditation to the libraries he served, and was known as one of the leading librarians in the Christian world.

Dr. Ehlert published bibliographies on Dispensationalism, Plymouth Brethren Literature, and the Biblical Novel. While on Sabbatical in Israel in 1965, Dr. Ehlert worked on the history of Jewish-Christian relations.

Arnold Ehlert finally retired in 1988 at the age of seventy-nine, at which time he and Thelma moved to the Town and Country Manor in Orange County, California. Arnold went to be with Christ on January 11, 1998 at the age of eighty-eight years, eight months and twenty days. Arnold was a charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society, served as chairman and in other offices of the Far West section, and was a member for nearly forty-eight years.

DAVID M. KING

David M. King was born on December 10, 1960 at Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He grew up in St. Claire Shores, Michigan and came to a saving knowledge of Christ at the age of nine or ten through his parents.

David was graduated from the University of Michigan at Dearborn in 1981, where he majored in music, with a specialty in choir. It was in the choir that he met Nora Krajewski, also a music major. David and Nora were married in Detroit on May 25, 1985. One son, Jonathan, was born to this union. He was eight years old when David passed away.

David served as assistant pastor of Healing for the Nations Christian Church in Roseville, Michigan from 1983–1991, and took his theological education at Ashland Theological Seminary, receiving the M.Div. in 1991. David, Nora and son Jonathan moved to England in 1991 where David completed his Ph.D. at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford three years later. His specialization was 17th century English theology. The family fell in love with British authors and television.

Upon returning to the United States, David became assistant professor in historical and systematic theology at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He was a devout Redwings fan who even took his son, Jonathan, out of school to see the parade after Detroit's Stanley Cup victory. David was noted for his good sense of humor, being a compassionate listener, one who respected others, and had a stubborn persistence about his beliefs. One of his articles was published in 1996.

David King passed into the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ on January 23, 1998 at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit after suffering a stroke. He was thirty-eight years of age and had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for eight years. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Nora; his son, Jonathan; his parents Clarence and Barbara King of St. Clair Shores; his brother Mark King with wife Denise and son Ethan; and his sister Kathleen with her husband Corey McMahon.

JOHN W. SANDERSON

John W. Sanderson was born to John and Ella Sanderson on March 19, 1916 in Baltimore, Maryland. He was reared in the Lutheran Church, but was influenced for Christ by a Presbyterian minister who encouraged him to attend Wheaton College. It was there that he was converted to Christ. John's sister Grace was the wife of Allan MacRae.

After obtaining his B.A. degree in philosophy from Wheaton in 1937, John enrolled in Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware. He and Pearl Hetrick, whom he met at Wheaton, were married on June 12, 1939, the evening of Pearl's graduation. John completed his B.D. at Faith in 1940. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1940 and pastored the Bible Presbyterian Church of St. Louis for three years. Returning to the east John took an M.A. in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania and accomplished further studies there as well.

After teaching at Faith Theological Seminary, John pastored the Bible Presbyterian Church in Newark, Delaware from 1952–55, and then from 1957–63 he taught at Westminster Theological Seminary. Moving to Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, John taught for five years at Covenant College, then was a professor at Covenant Theological Seminary from 1968 until he and Pearl moved back to their home on Lookout Mountain when John retired in 1984.

John was the author of *Encounter in the Non-Christian Era*, *The Fruit of the Spirit*, and *Mirrors of His Glory*. In 1973 John and Pearl visited nine mission fields where John taught, including Japan, Korea, and India. In 1978, Peru and Chile were included in his teaching schedule.

John and Pearl moved to Quarryville, Pennsylvania in 1992 to a retirement village. John went home to be with his Lord on April 30, 1998 at the age of eighty-two years, one month and eleven days. Surviving John are his wife Pearl of Quarryville; son David and wife Diane of Ellsworth, Maine and their four children Laurel, Stephen, Matthew and John William; daughter Judith of Seattle, Washington; and son Robert and his wife Laura of Wilmington, Delaware with their three children, Lisa, Kathy, and Becca.

John became a member of the Evangelical Theological Society on February 6, 1967.

JOHN HAMILTON SKILTON

John Hamilton Skilton was born in Philadelphia in 1906 to Robert H. and Margaret B. Skilton. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1927 with his B.A. degree and again in 1928 with the M.A. He then received his Bachelor of Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1933 before serving as pastor of Second Parish Presbyterian Church in Portland, Maine for the next six years. John finished his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. He also took graduate studies at the University of Basel and at Cambridge University.

Beginning in 1939, John Skilton began a teaching career at Westminster that would continue for fifty-eight years, the same length of tenure Charles Hodge enjoyed at Princeton. Over those years, he was professor of New Testament, but also served as assistant academic dean, dean of students, and editor of the *Westminster Theological Journal* in the late sixties and early seventies.

Dr. Skilton was a skilled writer and editor. He was a contributor and editor of *The Law and the Prophets*, a Festschrift for O. T. Allis, and *Scripture and Confession.* He was the general editor and a contributor to *The New Testament Student*, a series of seven volumes published by Presbyterian and Reformed beginning in 1974. He also edited *Machen's Notes on Galatians*, and authored *Listening to God's Voice*, *Special Gifts for a Special Age*, and *Think on These Things.*

John Skilton served as a visiting professor at International Graduate School of Theology, Korea; taught at Manna Bible Institute, Philadelphia; was dean of the Reformed Bible Institute of Delaware County; and at the time of his death was helping in the ministry of Westminster Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Ocean City. John was a former moderator of the general assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Skilton died on July 22, 1998 at Eastern Shore, Swainton. His service was held at Central Ocean City Union Chapel before burial at Palestine Cemetery, Scullville, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his nephews Robert H. Skilton and wife Jeanne; John S. Skilton and wife Carmen; and David H. Skilton and wife Christine; and by his niece Margaret S. Zutter and husband Keith, and by eleven grandnephews and nieces.

John was a charter member of the Evangelical Theological Society for over forty-eight years from 1950 until 1998.

JAMES W. TOLLERSON

James William Tollerson was born on December 15, 1941 in LaGrange, Georgia to Lonel Roy and Lorraine Dewberry Tollerson. He was reared in a Christian home and saved at age twelve in a tent meeting in the front yard of his father's store. He knew he was called to preach so he enrolled at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee where he received his A.A. degree in 1962.

James was married to Marilynn Kay Karnes on July 19, 1963 in Heath, Kentucky. James finished his B.A. at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, and then earned both his M.A. and M.Th. from Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis in 1968.

The next two years were spent in Greensboro, North Carolina where James attended Duke University and the University of North Carolina while pastoring the Friendly Avenue Church of Christ. James pastored the Averill Avenue Church of Christ in Flint, Michigan from 1971–75, then took his Th.D. degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1975–79, during which time he also pastored Chalmette Church of Christ.

James returned to Freed-Hardeman College in 1979 as a professor of Bible and Counseling. From 1981–85 he served the Bristol Road Church of Christ in Flint, then returned to Henderson to continue teaching, though he was never without a pulpit. He pastored the Stantonville church from 1986–93 and the Scotts Hill Church of Christ from 1993–98. James was a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, and the Civitan Club, of which he was elected Civitan of the Year in 1996. James had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1980. After a two-year battle with bone marrow cancer, James Tollerson was promoted from this life to glory on March 1, 1998, at the age of fifty-six years, two months and fourteen days.

James is survived by his wife Marilynn of Henderson; his brother Roy of Warm Springs, Georgia; his sister Joyce Lane of Henderson; his daughter Melody who lives at home with Marilynn; his daughter Amy and husband Trey Parker of Henderson; his son Matthew and wife Irina of Nashville; and his son John Mark and wife Angela of Henderson.