Memorials 2004

James A. Borland

Liberty University, jborland@liberty.edu

Follow this and additional works at: http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/sor_fac_pubs

Recommended Citation

http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/sor_fac_pubs/57
MEMORIALS

BYRON BITAR

Byron Ivan Bitar, born August 30, 1947 in Seattle, WA, was the third of five children born to Dr. Emmanuel Bitar, a pathologist, and his wife Margaret. When Byron was four years old, his parents attended an evangelistic crusade and trusted Christ for salvation. Byron was saved two years later at age six.

Byron met his future wife Gail in the eighth grade in Everett, WA. After college, they were married on December 27, 1969, in Everett. Byron had graduated with a B.A. in philosophy from Pacific Lutheran University, while Gail’s degree was in education. They moved to Philadelphia where Byron completed his M.Div. degree at Westminster Theological Seminary in 1972. They then spent a year working in Seattle before taking up residence in Charlottesville, VA. There Byron completed his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, both in philosophy, in 1975 and 1977 respectively.

The Bitars then moved to Beaver Falls, PA where Byron began teaching at Geneva College. He was “the philosophy department.” He loved teaching and studying philosophy, developing and teaching all such courses at Geneva College. In 1992–93, Byron received the “Excellence in Teaching” award at Geneva College. Besides his love for learning, Byron liked gardening, traveling, playing tennis, and trying different restaurants. In 1981 he founded a mail order business “A Cook’s Wares,” which now also includes a store and an online site at www.cookswares.com.

Byron was on the board of the local Salvation Army, and president of it for many years. He was a member of the Chippewa United Presbyterian Church, the American Philosophical Association, and the Evangelical Theological Society, the latter since 1996. Byron regularly delivered papers at the ETS meetings, and was on the program for the 55th Annual Meeting when he died of cancer on June 2, 2003, at the age of 55 years, 9 months, and 3 days. Through his battle with cancer, Byron never doubted the goodness of God.

Left to mourn Byron’s departure are his wife, Gail, of Beaver Falls, PA; daughter Kara, and her husband Jim Cantamessa in France; son Brandon, living at home; brother David Bitar and wife Betty Jo, and children Elizabeth and David of Walnut Creek, CA; brother Roger Bitar and wife Yvonne, and children Maria Elena and Daniel of San Diego, CA; brother Philip Bitar and wife Marie, and children Brittany, Owen, and Althea of Arlington, WA; sister Marilyn and husband Vince Inzerillo with children Vince, Adrian, and Marissa of Battle Ground, WA; plus many aunts, uncles, and cousins.
JAMES DUNCAN BOYD

James Duncan Boyd was born on October 10, 1958 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, to James and Pauline Boyd. James was saved as a Junior in college while working on a bus route near where he attended Stetson University in Deland, FL. James felt the call to the ministry the very next year. He received his B.A. degree at Stetson in 1980. His M.Div. degree was earned at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, KY, in 1983. During seminary days, James met his future wife, Nancy, while serving in her home church in Fort Mitchell, KY. They were united in marriage at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Fort Mitchell, KY on June 18, 1983.

James served five United Presbyterian churches, but as a conservative evangelical among more liberal people. He pastored the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, MI, from 1983–86; Erin Presbyterian Church in Roseville, MI, from 1986–91; First Presbyterian Church of Tacoma, WA, from 1991–96. James was a commercial pilot in Florida from 1996–98, but had to stop flying for medical reasons—heart disease. His final church was the Covington Presbyterian Church in Covington, LA. James became a Southern Baptist, doing interim work in 2000, joined the Evangelical Theological Society in 2001, and began Ph.D. studies in Old Testament and Hebrew at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. James had finished all course work. The oral defense of his dissertation was scheduled for the day after he died of a heart attack on October 9, 2003, in Covington, LA. James’s funeral was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Mandeville, LA. James lived 44 years and 364 days. He was scheduled to be on the program for the ETS annual meeting in Atlanta.

James is survived by his wife, Nancy, who teaches elementary music at Northlake Christian School; and children Eric, 15; Jimmy 14; and Stephanie, 12, all of Covington, LA.

GLENN ALLEN CARNAGEY, SR.

Glenn Allen Carnagey was born on September 13, 1938, in Hammond, IN, the first of three children born to Walter and Helen Carnagey. When in the second grade, the family moved to a farm in Arkansas, then to Houston, TX, when Glenn entered the seventh grade. He graduated from Milby High School. He enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin, and received his B.A. in English in 1960. In 1958 Glenn was saved through the ministry of Bob Thieme, and the next year met his future wife, Tresona (Nan) Patton, at the University of Texas. Glenn and Nan were married on November 12, 1959 in Lampasas, TX.

Sensing the call to ministry, Glenn took his Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1969, receiving the Rollin Thomas Chafer Award in Apologetics. He was ordained by Berachah Church in 1969. His pastorates included Faith Bible Church of Dallas, TX (1964–65), Candlelight Bible Church of Houston, TX (1965–66), Grace Bible Church of Muskogee, OK, (1968–72), Patrian Bible Church in Tulsa, OK, (1970–89), South Tulsa Bible Church (1990–91), and Grace Bible Church of Golden Valley, MN (1993–96).
Glenn also earned his M.A. (1974) and Ph.D. (1983) degrees in English at the University of Tulsa. Besides pastoring, Glenn actively taught everywhere he lived, including the University of Tulsa, American Christian College in Tulsa, Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO, and Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN. Glenn also founded and became president of Tulsa Seminary of Biblical Languages. He taught English, Latin, German, Greek, Ugaritic, and Babylonian. At the time of his death, Glenn was working on Hieroglyphics and Arabic. He loved languages and archaeology.

Glenn was a long-time member of the Near East Archaeological Society. He served as a board member of NEAS, for five years edited The Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin, and was Associate Secretary of the society. Glenn participated in numerous archaeological digs in Israel and Jordan from 1978—2000. These included Tell el-Hesi and Tell Abila, among others, where he was a ceramic typologist. Glenn loved classical music and played the clarinet, oboe, and bassoon in chamber music. Glenn had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1981, and frequently read papers.

After Glenn suffered several strokes in Minnesota in 1995, he and Nan moved back to Texas to be near relatives. Glenn still taught whenever he could, filling in as needed at Austin Bible Church where he was a member. He was on his way to speak at a pastors’ conference in Spokane, WA, on April 24, 2003, and passed quietly into the presence of Christ while in the Minneapolis Airport waiting for a plane change. Glenn lived 64 years, 7 months, and 11 days.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Nan of Round Rock, TX; son Glenn Carnagey, Jr. and wife, Cindy, with their children, Sarah, Adam, and Christina, all of Round Rock, TX; son Walter John Carnagey and wife, Kimberley, with children Walter, Rebecca, Alan, and Tresona of Round Rock, TX; and sister Phyllis Wisneski of New Mexico, and her son Peter of Manhattan, KS. Glenn was pre-deceased by his brother Dale (by 13 days), but left to mourn are Dale’s wife, Cynthia Carnagey, and daughters Jennifer of Round Rock, TX, and Elizabeth of Dallas, TX.

DAVID IAN CHILDS

David Ian Childs was born on November 4, 1943 in Ebbw Vale, South Wales, Great Britain, to Edgar and Lillian Childs. Ian had an older sister, May. Ian took his theological education (B.D.) at South Wales Bible College in Barry, obtained his B.A. from Cardiff University, and at the time of his death was pursing his doctorate, having finished all but his final oral exam.

Ian met Gwenyth Longmore, a member of his first pastorate, in South Wales. They were married on September 26, 1971 at Neaph in South Wales. Ian pastored the Calvary Baptist Church (independent) in Bryntirion from 1972–82, and the Horsell Evangelical Church in Woking, Surrey, from 1982–2003. He loved reading, especially Puritan theology, and had been a management accountant before entering the ministry. Ian wrote many book reviews for the Banner of Truth magazine, was a trustee of the Evangelical Library, and secretary of the Westminster Ministers’ Fellowship in London.
Ian had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1981. He loved to attend the annual meeting year after year, meeting old friends and discussing theological issues. Ian died at home on April 26, 2003, after fighting cancer for almost a year. He lived 59 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

Left to mourn Ian are his wife, Gwenyth, a midwife in Woking; his son Matthew, an investment account manager in Woking; and his daughter Elizabeth, the administrator of a large store in Woking.

Dowell Flatt

Dowell Flatt was born on February 8, 1941 in Jackson County, TN, the fifth of eight children born to Benton Madison Flatt and Cleo Anne Way. Dowell was buried in the same county in the Union Hill Flatt Cemetery after his unexpected death on August 4, 2003. He was saved as a fifteen year old lad, began preaching soon thereafter, and pastored six churches. He graduated from Jackson County High School in 1958, and attended Freed-Hardeman College from 1959–61, but graduated from Harding University in Memphis, TN, with a B.A. in Bible in 1962. He received an M.A. from Harding in 1967, then a Th.M. degree from Dillard University in 1973, and his Th.D. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1975.

Dowell met his wife Della Maltby in Dearborn, MI, where he worked in the summers between college terms and preached in Sundays. They were married on July 27, 1962. Dowell pastored Van Dyke Church of Christ in Warren, MI, from 1967–72; Village Square Church of Christ in Chalmette, LA, from 1972–75; and Flatwoods Church of Christ in Henderson, TN, from 1975–82.

Dowell taught and was chair of the Bible Department at his alma mater, Freed-Hardeman College from 1982–2003, and for the past ten years also served as Assistant Dean of the School of Biblical Studies. He traveled extensively, preaching and teaching in the Bible lands, Africa, Russia, Singapore, Western Samoa, New Zealand, the Caribbean, and Brazil. Dowell was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for 24 years. He lived 62 years, 5 months, and 27 days.

Dowell Flatt is survived by his wife, Della; daughter Carol Ann and her husband Kenneth Chadwell, and sons Seth and Aven of Crossville, TN; daughter Donna Lynn and her husband Aaron Jewell of Old Hickory, TN; sisters Rose of Rome, GA; Linda of Gainesboro, TN; and Wanda of Smithville, TN; and brothers Leamon of Murfreesboro, TN; Bill of Memphis, TN; Don of Morehead, KY; and Kenneth of Cookeville, TN; as well as by many nieces and nephews.

Carl F. H. Henry

Carl F. H. Henry was born on January 22, 1913, in New York City, the eldest of eight children born to German immigrant Karl Henry. He graduated from high school on Long Island in 1929. Though he had attended an Episcopal Sunday School as a boy, Carl came to faith in Christ only after the persistent witnessing and prayers of fellow workers and friends in the newspaper
business. His career in journalism was exchanged for a life of service for Christ.

In 1935 Carl moved to Wheaton College where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees. He taught typing and journalism to support himself. While in the Chicago area, Carl also earned his B.D. and Th.D. degrees at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

On August 17, 1940 Carl married Helga Bender in Chicago. She was born of missionary parents in Cameroon, West Africa, but grew up in Watertown, WI, where her father pastored First Baptist Church for many years. Two children, Paul and Carol, were born to this union.

Carl taught theology at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, and was instrumental in the founding of the National Association of Evangelicals in 1942, serving on its board and editing its magazine, United Evangelical Action. Carl graduated with a second doctorate, a Ph.D., from Boston University in 1949, while also serving as a visiting professor at Gordon Divinity School and Wheaton College.

Carl joined the Evangelical Theological Society on December 28, 1949, the 14th one to be numbered as a member on the day the society formed, and he continued his membership for 54 years until his death. He presented papers in the early years, served on the society’s editorial committee from 1949–55, and was a plenary speaker at a number of annual meetings. At the time Carl joined ETS, he had already written several books, including, The Uneasy Conscience of Modern Fundamentalism, Remaking the Modern Mind, Notes on the Doctrine of God, The Protestant Dilemma, and Giving a Reason for Our Hope.

In 1947, Carl joined the first faculty of Fuller Theological Seminary as its acting dean, teaching philosophy of religion and theology, while living at 400 N. Hudson Avenue in Pasadena, CA. Eight years later, Carl became the initial editor of Christianity Today, a position which he held until 1968. In that capacity, he used his wisdom and wit to spar with liberals, fundamentalists, and new evangelicals.

Carl Henry later founded the Institute for Advanced Christian Studies and taught at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wynnewood, PA, then served as a lecturer for World Vision beginning in 1974. He traveled extensively worldwide, touching and shaping the lives of evangelicals on every continent. He was also a visiting professor of Christian Studies at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, MI. While Carl was living in Arlington, VA, he served on the boards of Prison Fellowship, the Institute for Religion and Democracy, and the Ethics and Public Policy Center. His six-volume work, God, Revelation, and Authority, appeared in 1984. Some of his other works include, Confessions of a Theologian, Twilight of a Great Civilization, The Identity of Jesus of Nazareth, Toward a Recovery of Christian Belief, Evangelical Affirmations, Christian Mindset in a Secular Society, and Dictionary of Christian Ethics.

In late 1992, Carl and Helga left Virginia for Watertown, WI, where Helga grew up as a child. They enjoyed eleven years there in the scenic pastoral rolling hillsides. Carl was at their earthly home on Hus Drive when he passed into the presence of his Lord on December 7, 2003. He lived 90 years,
11 months, and 15 days. Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Helga of Watertown, WI; Karen, the widow of his son, former Congressman, Paul Brentwood Henry, who died in 1993, and their children Kara Beth of Chicago, Jordan of Los Angeles, and Megan of Washington, D.C.; daughter Carol, and her husband, William Bates of Columbia, SC, along with their son, Stephen, a student at Wheaton College; and three sisters, Isabella, Johanna, and Eleanor. Carl was a member of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

KENNETH BRUCE MULHOLLAND

Kenneth Bruce Mulholland was born October 24, 1937 in Oak Park, IL, to Archibald and Helen Mulholland. He attended Proviso High in Forest Park, IL where he came to Christ through the witness of his high school peers at age 16. He was torn between the churches of his peers—which were more fundamental—and the United Church of Christ, which he was attending. His parents did not attend church. After graduation from Elmhurst College with a B.A. in 1959, Kenneth attended Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA, receiving his B.D. degree in 1962. He pastored a UCC church in Pennsylvania for three years. He met his wife Ann Christensen in Ramallah, Jordan in 1959 as part of a World Council of Churches summer missions program, building a leper hospital. Ann was a missionary in Lebanon at that time. They corresponded for two years, and then upon Ann's return from Lebanon, Kenneth placed a ring on her finger in New York City. They were married three weeks later on August 26, 1961 at the Presbyterian Church in Davenport, WA. After a final year of seminary, Kenneth pastored a UCC congregation in Fredericksburg, PA from 1962–65, then he and Ann served as missionaries with the United Church Board for World Ministries (UCC), in Honduras, then in Costa Rica from 1966–80. In 1972 Ken received his doctorate in missiology from Fuller Seminary. He joined the faculty of Columbia Bible College and Seminary in 1980 and became assistant seminary dean in 1984, then dean from 1988–2001. He served on many mission boards and was chairman of the board of the Hispanic Education Association. He was a member of the Evangelical Missiological Society, EFMA, and the Evangelical Theological Society, the latter for over 20 years. He served as president of EMS from 1992–95, and again from 1998–2001.

Kenneth wrote dozens of articles and several books. He traveled to almost 100 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, the Far East, Russia, and Malaysia. He was a voracious reader, collected stamps, and loved gardening. Kenneth retired at the end of June, and died September 8, 2003 at home in Columbia, SC after a two-year bout with cancer. He lived 65 years, 10 months, and 15 days. He was a member of the Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Columbia.

Left to mourn Kenneth are his wife Ann; daughter Christine and her husband Siegwart Reichwald and children, Anika and Olivia, of Royal Palm Beach, FL; son David and his wife Maren and children, Anna Grace, Heather,
and Stephen, of Columbia, SC; and daughter Kathryn and husband Jeff Denlinger, and children Andy and Rachel of Highland Ranch, CO.

CHARLES WARREN SMITH

Charles Warren Smith was born on December 10, 1931 in Birmingham, AL, the third and final child of Frank and Mildred Smith. He went to Cleveland, TN, at the age of 14 to Bob Jones College to attend the Academy as a boarding student. He was later graduated from Bob Jones College with his B.A. in 1952, M.A. in 1954, and Ph.D. in 1959. Charles taught at BJU for 35 years—(1952—87). He then taught at the Master’s College in Santa Clarita, CA, for more than 15 additional years until his death on January 31, 2003. Charles died at home of prostate cancer. He lived 71 years, one month, and 21 days.

Throughout his teaching career, Charles also pastored small rural churches, including Hurst Baptist Church in Hiltonia, GA, for thirteen years, and others in North and South Carolina. Charles met Minnie Kron in Jackson, MS, when he served on ensemble for BJU and stayed in Minnie’s home. They could not date, but corresponded. On June 6, 1956, they were married at Alta Woods Methodist Church in Jackson. They had three children, and Minnie preceded Charles in death by five years. Charles was known for his teaching and his love of students, often having them over for breakfast, or out for a meal. Charles was named teacher of the year at the Master’s College.

Charles was a member of ETS since 1988, when he joined the Master’s College, and greatly enjoyed ETS meetings. He loved opera, drama, music, and literature. He traveled widely to Europe, Greece, Turkey, Israel, Uruguay and Guatemala. His funeral was conducted by ETS member John MacArthur at Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA.

Left to mourn Charles’s death are his daughter Rosalind and husband Bill Cross with son Zachary in Greenville, SC; daughter Sheila and husband Tom Pennington with children Lauren, Katie and Jessica of Colleyville, TX; son Clifford and wife Sharon with children Conor and Fisher of Greenville, SC; brother Burdette of Columbiana, AL; and sister Betty with husband Marvin Murphree of Columbiana, AL.

DANIEL CRAIG STEVENS

Daniel Craig Stevens was born in Akron, OH, on August 31, 1946, the first of four children born to James and Helen Stevens, an optometrist and an optician who worked together. The family moved to Kettering, OH when Daniel was in the fourth grade. After graduation from Fairmont High School in 1964, Daniel attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC, for two years before completing his B.A. at Cedarville College, Cedarville, OH, in 1969. Further education included a Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary (1973) and a Ph.D. from Ohio State University (1982).
On June 13, 1970, Daniel and Suzanne O'Shell were married at Berea Baptist Church in Berea, OH. They met in a class at Cedarville. After pastoring the Charity Baptist Church in McClain, VA, Dan, Sue, and their son Matthew, moved back to Cedarville College, where Dan served as alumni coordinator from 1974–78. Dan taught Christian Education at Grand Rapids College and Seminary from 1978–85, then served as chair of the Christian Education Department at Western Seminary, Portland, OR from 1985–89.

Moving to Southern California, Daniel worked for the Grace Theological Seminary extension program during its final year, and then served as director of the Doctor of Education program at Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, CA, then as Assistant Dean of Continuing Education at Biola-Talbot from 1990–2002. The Stevens were members of Grace Church in Cerritos, CA.

At the time of his death, Daniel was beginning his second semester as Professor of Biblical Education at Cedarville University. He died several hours after an automobile accident on January 16, 2003. He lived 56 years, 4 months, and 16 days. Daniel had traveled with Youth for Christ to South America and Jamaica, and had taught in Russia, the Ukraine, Korea, and Hong Kong. He was an avid photographer, enjoyed computers, and loved teaching Sunday School. Dan had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 2002.

Left to mourn Daniel’s passing are his wife, Suzanne of Beavercreek, OH; sons Matthew and his wife Jennifer, with daughter, Brenna of Cotati, CA; Benjamin and his wife Tina of Bellingham, WA; Timothy and his wife Heidi with daughters Makayla and Audrey of Windsor, CA; and Jonathan; his mother, Helen Stevens of Kettering, OH; his siblings Jan and husband Rex Hunn of Germantown, OH; Kevin Stevens and his wife Leslie of Mission Viejo, CA; and Lisa and her husband, Greg Smith of Kettering, OH; nieces Lisa Hunn; Carly, Emily and Jessica Smith; and nephews Sean, Nathan, and Jack Stevens.

SCOTT S. VALENTINE

Scott S. Valentine earned a B.S. in communications at Ohio University in Athens, OH, in 1970. He later received his M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham, MD, in 1985. He joined the Evangelical Theological Society in 1978, and was at that time a member of the independent non-denominational Barcroft Bible Church in Arlington, VA. At the time of his death in 2003, Scott was living in Washington, D.C. I regret that no further information was learned of Scott Valentine. He was a member of ETS for twenty-five years.

JOHN SIDNEY WIID

John Sidney Wiid of the Republic of South Africa joined the Evangelical Theological Society in 1970. Over the years he lived in Johannesburg, Randburg, and at the time of his death in December, 2002, he lived in Port Elizabeth with his wife. His degrees were from the University of Stellenbosch
(B.A.) 1952, the Baptist Theological College of South Africa (Diploma of Theology) 1964, Wheaton Graduate School (M.A.) 1971, University of South Africa (Dr. of Theology) 1979, and Rand Afrikaans University (D.Litt. and Phil.) 1991.

John had various articles published and taught at the University of South Africa for nine years as Senior Post., then for eighteen years as chair of the New Testament Department at Baptist Theological College, for five years as Professor of New Testament at University of Zululand in Kwazulu Natal, and as visiting professor at Rand Afrikaans University in Auckland Park for two years. John was a member of ETS for thirty-two years.