



Rev. C. Roger Burkins

December 12, 2023

The Rev. C. Roger Burkins, of Lancaster, Pa., died on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 after a brief illness at the age of 96. He was born on November 4, 1927, in Baltimore, MD, to Mary (Link) and Charles Burkins and married to A. Louise (Strickland) and this year they celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

He was a graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia, Towson State Teacher's College in Towson, MD, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Ordained into the ministry of the United Lutheran Church in America in 1953, he served churches in New Jersey and Maryland. For several years, Pastor Burkins served as a Mission Developer for the Lutheran Church in America establishing new congregations in New Milford, NJ, Middletown, NJ, and Cockeysville, MD. After retirement, he continued his ministry as an interim and visitation pastor in Newark, DE, and Middletown, DE. He retired fully in 2013 when he and his wife moved to Lancaster.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA.

Roger is survived by his daughter Lois Strause, wife of The Rev. Kurt Strause; two grandchildren, Renata, married to John Gardosik, and Dietrich, married to Flora Curzon. He was predeceased by his parents and two sisters, Margaret Abbot and Elma Schoenberger.

The Funeral Service will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 540 W. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, December 15 at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation beginning at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Millersville Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 540 W. Walnut Street, Lancaster, PA, 17603.

Cemetery Details

Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Millersville , PA 17551

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
540 W. Walnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ Dear Lois and family, my condolences on the loss of your dad. I remember visiting him and your mom in Cockeysville many years ago. I know he was a very special man. I hope that you have many happy memories that will ease your sense of loss. Always, Matt Shannon.

matthew shannon - December 14, 2023 at 01:42 PM

JL

*Dear Lois,
We remember your dad as our first minister as a newly married couple living in suburban Baltimore. We were part of the mission church he started in Cockeysville, MD. We will never forget his visits and personal contact which was so important to him. Whether by phone or at our home. It is a lost art as email and text have replaced what should still be personal. He was the best and we learned so much from his discussions. He was very creative and encouraging in getting people together with out a formal church building.
We were so pleased to see him recently because of your tracking us down Lois. He was the great communicator and knew how to bring people to a church. Believe IT has taken the place of what were the great marketing technics he knew well. May your family and Louise rest in peace knowing his lfe and example spreading the word was a job well done!!!!
Judi & Don Larkin*

Judi Larkin - December 14, 2023 at 08:58 PM

BB

Lois,

I happened upon your father's obituary this evening by chance as I was searching for the obituary of a friend. My condolences as you and your family mourn this great loss.

I loved watching the affection and friendship you and your parents had for one another during year we were neighbors in The Pit of Huber Hall. It was special--in that era of "the Generation Gap"--to know 18 year-olds who genuinely enjoyed the company of their parents! May your dad's memory always be a blessing to you.

Fondly, Beth Gross Borger

Beth Borger - December 20, 2023 at 10:45 PM

LS

Beth,

How wonderful to hear from you. Thank you for remembering my dad and our love for each other. I have been blessed to have both parents in my life for so very long and, until just after Thanksgiving, in good health. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in May.

I remember fondly our time on Huber Hall. Pat Trimmer's husband read a lesson at my dad's funeral.

I hope this finds you well.

Warm regards,

Lois

Lois B Strause - January 09, 2024 at 04:36 PM