



Rev. Paul Heil

December 4, 2012

Rev. David Paul Heil, 93, of the Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, formerly of Heritage Avenue, died Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at The Mennonite Home where he has resided since 2008. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Harvey and Sallie Schoenley Heil. He was the husband of Virginia May Gaul Heil of Lancaster with whom he celebrated 67 years of marriage.

Pastor Heil was a graduate of Northeast High School, Philadelphia. Following graduation, he attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania for one year. He then attended Temple University, graduating in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree; in 1945 with a Master of Divinity degree; and in 1948 with a Master of Sacred Theology degree.

He was licensed to preach in 1939 at the Annual Conference of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church.

Subsequently, he served the following E.C. Congregations: Emmanuel E. C. Church, Trevorton, 1940-1944 (student Pastorate); Trinity E. C. Church, N. Reading 1944-1948; Boulevard E.C. Church, Allentown 1948-1951; St. Paul E.C.Church, York 1951-1961 (while here he also started the Weigelstown E.C. Church in 1959); Grace E.C. Church, Lancaster 1961-1975 (while here he also started the Faith E.C. Church on Old Philadelphia Pike in 1968) and Grace E.C. Church, Schuylkill Haven 1983-1986. From 1975 – 1983, Pastor

Heil served as District Superintendent of the Eastern District of the East Pennsylvania Conference of the E.C. Church. He retired from the active pastorate in 1986 however, in 1987, on moving back to Lancaster, he became Visitation Pastor on a part-time basis at the Grace E.C. Church in Lancaster and continued serving in this way until August 2002.

Over the years Pastor Heil served in various capacities in the Evangelical Congregational Conference: song leader at the Herndon and Rosedale Camp Meetings; member and then chairman of the Hymnal Committee of the General Conference; member of the Christian Education Society Advisory Board; member of the Bible Conference Directors; Chairman of the Eastern District Survey Committee; member of the Committee on Amendments; the Administrative Council and later its Secretary; Chairman of the Waldheim Camp and Rosedale Camp Commissions; member and later Chairman of the Conference Relations Committee; the North East India Mission Board from 1975-1987; Delegate to the General Conference of the Denomination on a number of occasions; Trustee and Secretary of the Evangelical Congregational Retirement Village, Myerstown, PA from 1969-1990; member of the Supervisory Committee; and member and later President of the Board of Pensions from 1974-1986.

In addition to his wife, Virginia May Heil, he is survived by two sons, Paul S., husband of Shelia Heil, of Lancaster; John T., husband of Susan Heil, of Strasburg, PA; four grandchildren: Benjamin (Tiffany), Kathleen, Jason, and Andrew (Meredith) Heil; and two great-grandchildren: Zachary and Hailee Heil.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Pastor Heil's Life Celebration Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, 2012 at The Mennonite Home, 1520 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, with the Rev. H. Robert Samuels officiating. The family will receive friends in the chapel from

9:00 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be in Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Pastor Heil's memory to Grace Evangelical Congregational Church, 415 S. Shippen Street, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Paul Heil*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear John & Susan, Sorry about the lose of your father. Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Praying for God's comfort to you and your family. Marilyn & Tim Devlin*

Marilyn & Tim Devlin - December 08, 2012 at 11:58 PM



“ *May the Love of GOD pull you through the months ahead as you cry out to Him for strength and comfort.*

Our prayers are with you.

Clayton & Mary Lois

Clayton L Shenk - December 07, 2012 at 01:38 AM



“ *May the Lord Jesus whom you serve be your strength and help at this time of celibration of a life well lived for His honor and glory. As a fellow pastor my heart was warmed reading obit. Paul and Shella you may not know us but we get your blog and have said hello to you at concerts. May the Lord be near to you these days. Heaven is now richer for you as your father waits over there for your arrival. Pastor John M. Keefer, Mount Joy*

Pastor John M. Keefer - December 07, 2012 at 12:29 AM

GC

“ Dear Paul, Sheila and family....

May God sustain you through time. Rev. Heil has just been promoted to his reward.

I have appreciated your friendship through the years. Please know that my prayers are with you.

God Bless,

*Garry Cohn
Nashville, TN*

Garry Cohn - December 06, 2012 at 06:04 PM

LG

“ *Praying that God Comforts the entire family at this very difficult time.*
Lou Ann Green

Lou Ann Green - December 06, 2012 at 01:12 PM

RA

“ *sorry to hear of your dads passing he is with his lord and savior that he srevs for so many years be assured of my prayers for you and your family*

Rev.Brian Arold - December 06, 2012 at 09:11 AM

IS

“ Dear Paul and Sheila and family
Jesus shares in your suffering. He understands the depth of your loss He cares for you. May our Savior's love minister to your heart as He walks with you through this valley. I pray that God's abiding presence will be your daily comfort in the passing of your dear father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Irene

Irene Shandriski - December 06, 2012 at 04:06 AM

CA

“ To Paul, Shelia & Family ~
Our condolences and sympathy to each of you. Although we never met Rev. Heil, we felt we knew him through your remarks about him and his own comments that you've included in your Gospel Greats Newsletter. It's obvious that he has left a rich legacy for you and all who've known him through the years. May The God of All Comfort sustain and keep you strong. You're in our prayers ~ Carolyn & Jerry Adkins.

Carolyn & Jerry Adkins - December 06, 2012 at 03:44 AM

EH

“ To Paul and Shelia Heil, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Praying for comfort in the days ahead. God Bless.
Eulane Hamm
Kannapolis, NC

Eulane Hamm - December 06, 2012 at 02:53 AM

LH

“ To Paul, Shelia and the entire Heil family please except our sincere condolences on the passing of your dad. To loose a parent regardless of age is difficult but knowing he is now with the One he loved and served will give you all, hope and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless, Larry and Kathie Hiltz

Larry Hiltz - December 06, 2012 at 01:26 AM

BS

“ Dear, Virginia, Paul, and John;
It is with a sad heart that we won't be coming Saturday. The day after Thanksgiving my back went out. At this time I can't drive in a car any distance. The store is about as far as I can make it. But know our thoughts and prayers are with your. We might not be there in .person but are thinking of your family and how much they have meant to my family all of these years.
All the good times have meant so much to my mom and dad to Gordie and me. You have always been like a second family to us. David's mild manner, his sermons and his friendship is something I'll always cherish. David married us and was always there when we needed him. Remember that mom, dad, Gordie and I always loved him. He after all was one of the only people I allowed to all me Bonnie Mae.
May your family together get through this hard time and think of all the good times you shared
David as taught a lot of people in his life, and he certainly helped mold my life as a Christian and I'm sure he has done this in many other peoples live.

Love Always Bonnie (May)

Bonnie Sprenkle - December 06, 2012 at 12:33 AM

JH

“ My condolences to the Heil family. I was a little boy living on Locust St. in Lancaster in the 1960's when Rev. Heil would stop at our house and talk to my parents. I remember him as a very kind and soft spoken man. I think he convinced my parents to send me and my sister to church and Sunday school. That was our first introduction to Christianity and it has been with me since. It always amazes me how certain people touch our lives at such an early age and help form it, he has sure touch mine.

Your family should be very proud of all of his accomplishments.
God Bless,
Jeff Heming

Jeff Heming - December 06, 2012 at 12:11 AM

EM

“ My condolences to the Heil family, Rev. Heil touched many many lives during his lifetime, mine was one of them. He will be missed. God's love and peace to you all during this time. Ed Moshier

Ed Moshier - December 05, 2012 at 10:09 PM