

Rev. Charles W. Barner, (19 Jul 1925 – 16 Oct 2009), Perry County Times, Thursday, October 29, 2009

The Rev. **Charles W. Barner**, 84, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009 at E.C.C. Retirement Village-Stoneridge Village Health Care Center, Myerstown.

He was born July 19, 1925 in Richfield to the late **Elmer Newton** and **Blanche Ludella (Basom) Barner**.

He was an ordained minister of the Evangelical Congregational Church, retiring in 1990. In Pennsylvania, he had pastored at The Blue Church of Williams Township from 1945-1947, Reedsville Charge from 1947-1953, St. Matthew's Church of Emmaus from 1953-1961, Grace Church of Allentown from 1961-1967, St. Paul's Church in Reading from 1967-1970, First Church of Palmyra from 1984-1990, and Bethany Church in Allentown from 1990-1994. He served as chief employed officer of Christian Endeavor International of Columbus, Ohio, from 1970-1984, and as general secretary of World's Christian Endeavor Union in Columbus from 1972-1984.

He was a 1944 graduate of East Hempfield High School and a 1949 graduate of Moravian College, Bethlehem, studying theology at Moravian Theological Seminary.

He served as president of Kiwanis Club and the PTA while in Emmaus, and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Gahanna, Ohio, from 1970-1984.

He was the widower of **Marietta (Van Horne) Barner**, who died Jan. 23, 1982.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, **Etta Dysle Barner**; three children, **Charles Timothy Barner** of Washington, D.C., **Bruce E.** of Atlanta, Ga., and **Rebecca A. Cathers** of McDonough, Ga.; six grandchildren, **Matthew Cameron**, **Eric Barner**, **Michelle Tate**, **Jennifer Von Essen**, **Jon Fenn** and **James Fenn**; five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers **Victor**, **Malvern**, **Palmer**, **Herman** and **Robert Barner**; and four sisters, **Bertha Book**, **Grace Fogle**, **Mary Weider** and **Almeda Aumiller**.

A graveside service was held Oct. 23 in St. John (Barner's) Lutheran Church Cemetery, Liverpool, with the Rev. Dana M. Logan officiating. A memorial service was held Oct. 24 in Evangelical Theological Seminary Chapel, Myerstown, with the Rev. Michael W. Sigman officiating.

George P. Garman Funeral Home, Liverpool, handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

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