

MEMORIALS

Louis E. Knowles

Born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1917, Louis E. Knowles had moved with his family to Long Beach, California, by age seven. That would be the headquarters for most of the activities of his life until he died on January 22, 1986.

He aligned himself with Christian groups on the campuses of his high school and college (UCLA). Pursuing his growing commitment to Christian ministry, he enrolled at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia and graduated in 1944. The previous year he had married Velma Fusby, also of Long Beach.

He was ordained as a pastor and served the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Volga, South Dakota, for three years. Returning to California, he began a 35-year teaching career in the Bellflower Christian Schools. His ability to articulate Reformed doctrine was well received in his religious education courses. His enthusiasm to teach never wavered, and his love for young people and his fellow colleagues was always evident.

Upon his retirement in 1982 he answered the call for help of Westminster Seminary in Escondido, California, and came out of retirement to serve as assistant to the president from 1982 to 1984. His wise counsel, loving concern for students, and joy in Christ were a wonderful gift to the entire seminary family. His vision for Westminster's ministry was a constant encouragement.

During his teaching career he was a ministerial member of the Southern California Presbytery, serving on many committees and preaching hundreds of sermons. Fellow ministers recall that he was particularly helpful in discussions of important matters in presbytery deliberations. He was also a faithful and valued participant in the ministry of his home church, First (now Faith) Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Long Beach.

At the age of 68 he passed away, suffering complications with his heart. His school superintendent wrote: "He will always be admired as an excellent, well-loved educator, co-worker and friend to many. We can always be thankful for his dedication in giving his life for young people and glorification of the Kingdom of God."

Knowles leaves behind his wife, Velma; children, Louis L. Knowles and Ruby Takanishi of Washington, D. C., Stephen D. and Florence Knowles of Templeton, California, and Rodney E. and Elizabeth Alexander of Portland, Oregon; and six grandchildren.

Merland Ray Miller

Merland Ray Miller was born in Spokane, Washington, on April 5, 1952. He served the Lord until June 11, 1986, when he died of heart disease in St. Louis, Missouri.

He graduated from Washington State University in 1974, from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in 1979 and 1980 and from Concordia Seminary at St. Louis in 1984.

Merland had three goals: to love his wife, to serve the Church, and to teach God's Word. He did all three. He served in his local church in many capacities, but he particularly enjoyed teaching Sunday school. His desire was to teach the Bible at the college or seminary level. He was appointed by Greater Europe Mission to teach NT at Tyndale Seminary in Amsterdam. His health failed, however, and he was unable to fulfill the appointment. During the last year of his life he wrote a few articles for publication, including "What Is the Literary Form of Hebrews 11?", which appeared in *JETS* 29/4 (December 1986).

Charles M. Turner

The death of Charles M. Turner at 38 years of age was a tragedy to his family and friends. Although his life was comparatively short, his absence is still felt in academic circles. He had many scholarly pursuits and was particularly interested in American religious movements.

After graduating with an A.B. degree in history from the University of California (Berkeley), Turner received two degrees from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. He received the M.Div. (*magna cum laude*) in 1972 and the Th.M. (*summa cum laude*) in 1974. He then returned to Berkeley and studied at the Graduate Theological Union, where he earned a Ph.D. in Church history. Trinity granted Turner an award (the Professor C. B. Bjuge Scholarship) for displaying evidence of excellent academic achievements in the field of Biblical and systematic theology. He published several articles in the area of American religion. His dissertation, which examined Mormon history, was entitled *Joseph Smith III and the Mormons of Utah*.

In June, 1985, Charles Turner began treatment for acute leukemia. Three months later he passed away. In addition to his parents, Donald and Lucille Turner, he is survived by a brother, John Turner; a sister, Margaret Faisst; five uncles; and two nephews.

Funeral services were held September 24, 1985, at the Walnut Creek Evangelical Church, where Turner was an active member.

Edmund Rector Woodside

Edmund Woodside was born on November 22, 1921, in Lodi, California, the son of Homer and Mary Woodside. He died on December 15, 1985, at the age of 64 years in Claremont, California, after having a sudden cerebral hemorrhage. He grew up in a Christian home and early accepted the claims of Jesus Christ. A self-taught Biblical scholar, Woodside always had as a goal to better understand and to know the Scriptures as originally written.

He attended the University of Redlands for his undergraduate work. His years there were interrupted by the Second World War. He served in the Army Air Force weather service. Stationed for three years in the Pacific, he frequently accompanied the chaplain and played the cornet at chapel programs.

He graduated from the University of Redlands in 1946. Continuing his studies there, he received the M.A. degree in 1950.

After the war he began fellowshipping with Plymouth Brethren Assemblies in the southern California area. For years he was actively involved in local Bible studies, church planting, and serving the missionary community as the local correspondent.

During this time he did graduate studies at the University of Southern California, beginning work toward a doctorate. Through an acquaintance in England he authored several programmed study guides: *The Book of Philipians*, *Parables of Matthew 13* and *Six Parables of the End*. These books, plus *Bible Doctrine* and *The Earthly Life of the Lord Jesus* (co-authored with J. W. McMillan), were used primarily in India.

A member of the Victoria Institute and the Christian Brethren Research Fellowship (British), he wrote a number of magazine articles for the *Gospel Steward* and *Faith and Thought*.

In 1972 he began to teach for the California Center for Biblical Studies located in Culver City. Greek and Greek exegesis were the subjects he most loved to teach. He offered Greek classes at local churches with the hope of encouraging the "typical Christian" to dig deeper into the Scriptures for truths. He continued to teach at the Center until it closed in 1983.

In 1977 Woodside received his doctorate from Kensington University in Glendale, California. His dissertation was entitled *Nautical Texts in the Greek Scriptures*.

Over the years Woodside was involved with a number of professional organizations. He was a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, The Society of Biblical Literature, the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies, the Institute for Biblical Research, and the American Scientific Affiliation. He loved attending the meetings of these organizations, and he wrote and read papers on a broad variety of topics. Usually he would pick an obscure word or thought and develop its implications quite thoroughly.

It was said of him at the memorial service that he "studied and knew the Scriptures. Whether leading in worship or a Bible study, one thing that made him different from most was that 'never a cliché came out of his mouth.' He

always had something fresh to say, some new insight into the Scriptures that he loved.”

He leaves his wife, Dorothy Wells, whom he married on February 14, 1981; his mother, Mary Woodside; a sister, Agnes Duntley, of Seattle; and two children from a previous marriage, Marilynn Malcolm of Glendora, California, and Richard Woodside of Australia.