



Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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THE REVEREND WALTER D. GALBRAITH, JR. August 17, 1921 – November 11, 2011

The Reverend Walter D. Galbraith, a retired pastor of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, died on November 11, 2011.

Pastor Galbraith was born on August 17, 1921 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Walter D. Galbraith and Anna (Angstadt) Galbraith. Pastor Galbraith graduated from the University of Texas in 1942 with a B.A. Degree, and he received a J.D. Degree in 1948. Pastor Galbraith graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia with a B.D. Degree in 1953. He received an S.T.M. from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia in 1973.

Pastor Galbraith was ordained by the Texas-Louisiana Synod of the U.L.C.A in Houston, Texas on June 7, 1953.

Pastor Galbraith served the following calls during his ministry:

Mission Developer, Texas-Louisiana Synod of the U.L.C.A.	June 1953-Oct. 1953
Board of American Missions, U.L.C.A., Lake Charles, LA	1953-1954
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lake Charles, LA	1954-1958
Board of American Missions, U.L.C.A., Mesquite, TX	1958-1959
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mesquite, TX	1959-1963
Board of American Missions, U.L.C.A., Brownsville, TX	1963-1966
Grace Lutheran Church, Manorville, PA	1966-1975
Assistant to the Synod President, Western PA-West Virginia Synod, L.C.A.	1975-1987
Retired	December 31, 1987

Pastor Galbraith also served as the Synod Statistical Secretary from 1958 to 1962 as well as serving on various boards and committees in the Texas-Louisiana Synod of the U.L.C.A., in the Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Synod of the L.C.A, and in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. Pastor Galbraith served in many interim pastoral capacities during his retirement.

Visitation will be held on Monday, November 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m, at the Schellhaas Funeral Home, 388 Center Ave., Pittsburgh (West View), PA 15229. The funeral service for Pastor Galbraith will be held on Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Seaman Memorial Chapel of the Passavant Retirement Community, 401 South Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063.

Pastor Galbraith is survived by his wife, Barbara, by daughter, Mary Anne, and sons, Mark and the Reverend Martin Galbraith.

Expressions of sympathy to the family may be extended to: The Reverend Martin J. Galbraith and the Reverend Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes, c/o New Hope Lutheran Church, 200 Second Avenue, Freedom, PA 15042-2603 (Economy Borough).