

Obituary of Rev. Milton Bagley



It is with sadness but appreciation for life well-lived that the family of Rev. Milton W. Bagley announce his passing at Bobby's Hospice, Saint John on 18 August 2021. Milton, known as Happy to his friends, was born at Mark Hill, Grand Manan, NB on 19 February 1931 to the late Basil and Loleen (Wilson) Bagley. Milton was a loving husband of 68 years to Patricia (Harris) Bagley.

Milton was licensed as a minister in 1950 and then ordained in 1954 by the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada (now part of the Wesleyan Church). He pastored churches in Presque Isle, ME; Amherst, NS; Fredericton, NB; Woodstock, NB; Westland, MI; and Lower Brighton, NB. He also served as a missionary under Wesleyan World Missions (now Global Partners) in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Liberia from 1971-1984.

One of the hallmarks of his ministry over the years was his commitment to pastoral visitation. Many remember him fondly for his visits when they were shut-in or in the hospital – a practice that he continued to follow long into his retirement years. He is also remembered for mentoring younger ministers, both in Canada and on the mission field in Africa.

Milton was predeceased by his parents and siblings; Janet Noddin (Marvin), Rosalie Harvey (Leamon), and Audrey Ingersoll (Larry). He is survived by his wife, Patricia Bagley (Harris); his children: Dianne Banks (Stanley), Robert Bagley (Brenda), Marilyn Cann (Stephen) and Peter Bagley (Patty); 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; as well as cousins, nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the staff at Chateau de Champlain, Joan's Home Care and Bobby's Hospice for their kindness and care. Heartfelt thanks also to family friend, Steve Bradley.

The memorial service was held at First Wesleyan Church, 399 Boars Head Road, Saint John on Sunday 19 September 2021. Interment was at Browns Flat Baptist Cemetery. For those who wish, remembrances in Milton's memory may be made to Kingswood University or Global Partners.