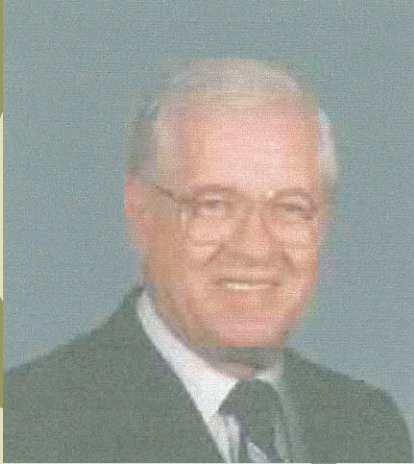


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AUGUST 25, 1920 – JUNE 7, 2009



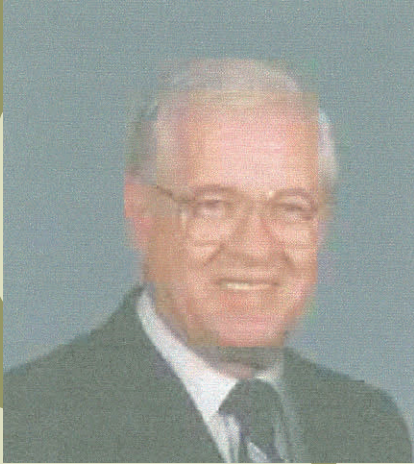
Rev. Arlo Don Vandlen was born on August 25, 1920 in Hastings, Michigan, son of Hartford and Carrie Bell (Roberts) Vandlen. He died of a stroke on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the age of 88 at Clark Retirement Community, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Arlo was a graduate of Taylor University in Indiana and Garrett Theological Methodist Jurisdictional School.

For over 60 years he served the United Methodist Churches in Redkey, Indiana, and the Jackson, Vermontville, Leslie, Dimondale, Weidman, and Ionia Churches in West Michigan, as well as the United Church of Christ at Congregational churches in Lakeview, Dowagiac, Comstock Park, Michigan, and the First Congregational Church of Port St. Lucie, Florida, where he was Founding Minister. He also served interim pastorates at Key West, Boynton Beach and Sebastian, Florida Congregational Churches.

While ministering churches, Arlo was also a Michigan teacher for 20 years, serving Delta Center, Sheridan Road School of Lansing, Weidman, and Lakeview.

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He was preceded in death in 1978, after 35 years of marriage, by his first wife, Doris June (Mattoon) Vandlen, three brothers: Verden, Wayne Carroll and Merwin Vandlen, and one sister, Audrey (Vandlen) Brace.

Surviving are his present wife of 30 years, Gerry, and his three children: Doug (Anne) Vandlen, Larry (Jayne) Vandlen, and Carolyn (Ted) Peterson, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, as well as three step-daughters: Sue (Jeff) Main, Linda (John) Drobish, and Karen Sipp, 6 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren, and one sister, Alice (Howard) Fryover, sisters-in-law, Wanda and Francis Vandlen, and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at the Comstock Park Congregational Church in Comstock Park, Michigan, where Arlo was Pastor Emeritus, with Rev. Dr. Dick Woodward officiating. Another Memorial Service was held at the Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with Rev. Leon Andrews officiating.

“All things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28