**Obituary**

Rev. Dr. Donald J. Ralston

June 11, 1934 – January 4, 2023

Age: 88

Parents: Eugene Ralston and Murna Karr and his stepfather, Frank Karr.

Wife: Phyllis Louise Babcock Ralston

Educational History:

Bachelor of Theology from Trinity Bible College, 1960. Master of Theology from Florida Beacon

College, 1967. Master of Divinity from Florida Beacon College, 1972. As well as two honorary

doctorates: Doctor of Divinity from Trinity College, 1969, and Doctor of Literature from Florida

Beacon College, 1969.

Professional and Ministerial History:

Rev. Donald Ralston was ordained as Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in High Point,

Florida, on 18 September 1960, which would later become Grace Baptist Church on Hercules

Avenue in Clearwater before moving to Sunset Point Road in 1974 under the name Lakeside

Community Chapel. From 1980 to 1982, Don became pastor at Fardale Trinity Church in

Mahwah, New Jersey, before returning again to Florida to become a pastor of a small chapel

gathering. In 1990, he became senior pastor of Eastlake Road Baptist Church in Tarpon

Springs, Florida, where he would remain until his retirement in 2000. His ministry did not cease

in retirement as Rev. Ralston continued leading Bible studies at Crossroads Baptist Church in

Palm Harbor, Florida.

Biography:

Donald was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on 11 June 1934, to Eugene Ralston and Murna Karr. In

his younger years, Don enjoyed fishing, boating, and watching football, baseball, and NASCAR.

In 1954, Don was led to Christ at a Youth for Christ rally in St. Louis. Don moved to Clearwater,

Florida, and attended Trinity College for his undergraduate degree in Theology from 1957 to

1960. During that time, in 1958, he met his wife, Phyllis. They married in 1960 and spent 62

happy years of marriage together. The majority of Don’s life was spent pastoring, evangelizing,

preaching, and teaching the Bible, as well as mentoring and discipling many men and women.

Don had four children as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one of his

great joys was extending the hospitality of his immediate family to others and bringing in those

who loved him as their own father. Don formally retired from the pastorate in 2000, yet he

remained active in ministry until his death in 2023. His ministry in the final years of his life could

be encapsulated by the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:17: “pray without

ceasing.” Though he spent the last couple years in and out of the hospital, he made it a point to

pray for each nurse, doctor, and attendant he met during that time as well as the many people in

his life whom he loved and encouraged regularly. He led a life of faithful service to the Lord to

the very last day. Don passed peacefully in his sleep and went to be with our Lord on January 4,

2023. Don will be remembered for his deep joy in the Lord and extensive Christian outreach, his

love of family and friends, and his hearty delight in food and Western movies.

Don is survived by his dearly loved wife Phyllis of 62 years; and his children Kent Stewart

Ralston, Linda Louise Roberts, Donna Lynn King, and Mark Joseph Ralston; and

children-in-law, Nancy Joy Ralston, George Edward Roberts, and Koreen Anne Ralston. He is

warmly cherished by his grandchildren, Jennifer Lauren Stifter (David Timothy Stifter), Ashley

Christina Friederichs (Brian Philip Friederichs), Jeb Stewart Ralston, Morgan Lynn

Kreuzpaintner (Justin Joseph Kreuzpaintner), Mark (Mak) Joseph Ralston Jr., Aubrey Lauren

King (Stephen Hunter Thompson) and Star Aleese Ralston; and great-grandchildren, Oakley

Jeb Stifter, Cali Joy Stifter, and Luna Ann Friederichs; as well as nephew, Eugene Willard

Ralston (and wife Shawn) and niece, Sandy Kay Ralston.

He was predeceased by his father Eugene Ralston, mother Murna Lita Karr, stepfather Frank

Karr, brother Eugene Christy Ralston, and niece Christy Arlene Hoven.

In lieu of flowers donations to Lakeside Christian School, Clearwater, FL or Trinity College, Trinity, FL

# JOYCE LAMBERTSON OBITUARY

Joyce Elizabeth (Fillmore) Lambertson, 86, of Abbottstown, beloved wife, mother, grandma and great grandma, stepped from this earth and graduated into the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday evening, December 30, 2022. She was the loving wife of Milton David Lambertson.
Born August 11, 1936 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, she was a daughter of the late C. Raymond and Vera L. (Bremner) Fillmore. Her family later moved to Robie St. in Truro, Nova Scotia where she spent all her childhood years.
After graduating high school there, Joyce attended New Brunswick Bible Institute (Canada) followed by Trinity College in Clearwater, Florida where she studied organ.
It was during the years attending Trinity College that she met her husband-to-be, Milton D. Lambertson. They were married on June 2, 1961 back at Joyce's home church - The People's Church - in Truro, Nova Scotia. This past June, Milton and Joyce celebrated 61 years of marriage. They were blessed with two children... a son Daniel and a daughter Kimberly.
Shortly after their college years, Milton and Joyce along with their children followed the Lord's call in Christian ministry through serving churches in Florida, Georgia, New Brunswick (Canada), Pennsylvania, Aruba and Maryland. The past 40 years have been spent primarily in the southern PA and northern MD area. In addition to their Christian ministry, they had the opportunity of traveling together to Australia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Joyce was exceptionally gifted by the Lord with musical ability, especially as an organist. She first recorded an album as organist with her father as the vocalist. This was later followed by the recording of a solo organ concert CD titled "Organ Praises". For more than fifty years, she served as organist with a number of churches, most recently with Bark Hill Bible Church (Union Bridge, MD) as well as playing for other special events.
Milton and Joyce have lived at the Pine Run Retirement Community in Abbottstown, PA for the past 17 years.
Though she will be dearly missed here, she has been reunited with her Lord and many loved ones who have been called to their eternal heavenly home.
In addition to her husband, Joyce is survived by a son, Daniel Mark Lambertson and his wife Selena of Waterboro, ME; a daughter, Kimberly Lynn Wandel and her husband Mark of Summerville, SC; a sister, Norma Lillian Sponagle of Berwick, Nova Scotia; a brother, Robert Stephen Fillmore of Bellmont, Nova Scotia; a sister-in-law, Helen Fillmore of Debert, Nova Scotia; seven grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and many loving extended family members and dear friends.
In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald Charles Fillmore.
A service to celebrate the life of Joyce will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 6, 2023, at the Wetzel Funeral Home and Crematory, 549 Carlisle St., Hanover, PA with Pastor Gary G. Dull officiating. A time to share memories with the family will be on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. in Dillsburg Cemetery, Mountain Road Dillsburg, PA 17019.
For those desiring, memorial contributions may be made to Way of Truth Ministries, 315 40th Street Altoona, PA 16602.