MEMORIALS

Moody Johnson

Moody Johnson was born December 24, 1914, in Berea, Kentucky, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson, and departed this life December 18, 1974. He was married December 28, 1946, to Geneva Drum in Newton, North Carolina. His wife, three daughters, three sisters and two brothers survive him.

Funeral services were held December 20 at the College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, Illinois. Officiating were the Rev. Bill Draper; Dr. Harold Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College; and Dr. Forrest Nash, superintendent of the Chicago Central District of the Church of the Nazarene. Burial took place in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

As an ordained elder of the Church of the Nazarene, Moody Johnson had served as pastor to churches in Ohio and Michigan before going to Olivet Nazarene College to become professor of Bible there. He was faculty sponsor of the ministerial fellowship at Olivet. He was often featured as guest speaker at various functions. A memorial has been established in his honor at Olivet Nazarene College. He was a member of the Wesleyan Theological Society as well as of the Evangelical Theological Society (since 1969).

Fred Carl Kuehner

At the time his labors were ended early last year, Fred Kuehner (born in 1912) had been a professor at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, for a quarter of a century, fifteen years of which he served as dean (chief administrator) of the school. He was visiting lecturer at Westminster Theological Seminary for a number of years as well.

Broadly trained in his field (Reformed Episcopal, Westminster, and Eastern Baptist Seminaries; University of Pennsylvania; and Dropsie College), as professor of Biblical languages Kuehner taught a far wider range of courses than is usual. But he was an unusually gifted teacher, as hundreds of alumni who call him blessed will readily testify.

Published writings (mostly articles, contributions to symposia, and book reviews) were limited, but most widely circulated was his monograph, "Heaven and Hell," an insert in Christianity Today. Yet his personal impact on lives was extensive through pulpit and classroom alike and was supplemented by a number of years of editorial work with the American Sunday-School Union.

Although he was already known to fellow members of the Evangelical Theological Society, he also participated actively in committee work for both the New and Old Testament portions of the

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New International Version. That ministry will long serve to fix fond personal memory of Fred Kuehner in the minds of many of his colleagues.

Paul Little

Paul Little, associate professor of evangelism at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and author of three popular books on evangelism (How to Give Away Your Faith, Know Why You Believe, and Know What You Believe), was killed July 9, 1975, while en route to a speaking engagement in Toronto, Ontario.

His death leaves a void in Trinity's missions department, which had recently finalized plans to transfer its program from the School of World Mission to the School of World Mission and Evangelism. Little was to have taught many of the new courses in the expanded program.

Paul Little was born December 30, 1928. His father, Robert J. Little, was known to thousands in the midwest as the Radio Pastor of the Air of Moody Bible Institute.

Paul Little was very much involved with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and held the positions of regional director of the south central region, director of international student ministry, interim field director, director of evangelism, and assistant to the president. Paul was serving on the board of Wheaton College and recently was associate director of the International Congress on World Evangelization held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"We don't understand, from a human viewpoint, why one of God's choice servants would be called home at such an early and important time in his life and ministry, but it again affirms the brevity of life and the wisdom and knowledge of God," said Trinity's president, Kenneth Meyer. "The fact that God doesn't make mistakes and has his purpose even in this death, so untimely from a human point of view, should uphold us. Paul had great plans for his ministry at T. E. D. S. on a full-time basis this fall, but God wanted him home."

John C. Rankin

The Rev. John C. Rankin, 87, of 144 Main Street, Worcester, New York, died March 8, 1975, at Fox Hospital, Oneonta, New York. He was born February 7, 1888, in Tuscola, Illinois, the son of the Rev. Edward P. and Elizabeth (Scales) Rankin. He married Grace M. Snyder on June 10, 1922, at the Middlefield Center Presbyterian Church.

He was a retired Orthodox Presbyterian minister, having graduated from Park College, Missouri, and Auburn Seminary. He had also attended Princeton Seminary. He served as a pastor in Unadilla, Middlefield Center, Uniondale and Forest City, Pennsylvania, and in Laurens and Worcester, New York. He had lived in Worcester since 1927.

In addition to articles, Rankin also published several books. He was
a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1952.

Surviving are his wife; three sisters: Mrs. Herbert Freund of Duarte, California, Mrs. Howard Hughes of Trenton, New Jersey, and Miss Louise Rankin of Tucson, Arizona; and several nieces and nephews. John H. Skilton, a fellow member of the Evangelical Theological Society, officiated at the service, and Rankin was buried in Worcester, New York.

It is appropriate to end this obituary with a poem written in 1968 by John C. Rankin himself describing what the day of his departure would be like.

My Life

Clothed in a spotless robe,
A garment God hath made,
I live and walk in my abode
Thankful and unafraid.

Still standing to the strife
While here on earth I stay,
Still looking into life
And longing for the day:

The day that is so kind,
The day of days for me,
The day I leave this world behind
to live eternally.