

MEMORIALS

ROBERT ALLEN KILLEN

R. Allan Killen was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He passed away in Vancouver, British Columbia, on October 18, 1991, at the age of 85. After graduating with a B.A. degree *cum laude* from Wheaton college in 1933, he attended Faith Theological Seminary and received the B.D. degree in 1941. Dallas Theological Seminary granted him the Th.M. degree *cum laude* in 1945, and the Free University of Amsterdam awarded him the Th.D. degree in 1955.

Killen was ordained into the gospel ministry in 1941 and filled pastorates in Edmonton, in Grove City, Pennsylvania, and in Ellisville, Missouri. He was a pastor at heart and had a burning desire to evangelize the unchurched.

He spent fruitful years in the classrooms of Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, as professor of theology from 1956 to 1967. Then he served as professor of Bible at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, from 1968-1970. From 1971 until his retirement in 1975, Killen was professor of contemporary theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi.

In addition to preaching and teaching, Killen authored a number of books: *The Ontological Theology of Paul Tillich*, 1955; *Reaching Modern Man*, 1972; and *Philosophy and Christian Thought*, 1973. He is remembered for his interest in philosophy and contemporary theology, particularly for delineating the philosophical background of neo-orthodoxy and other modern movements including eastern mysticism.

DIRK H. ODENDAAL

Dirk Odendaal's sudden death on July 27, 1990, in a car accident accentuated the fragility of life. At the time of his death he was an irreplaceable member of the committee for the new translation of the Bible into Xhosa (one of South Africa's black languages).

Odendaal was born in South Africa in 1928. A minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, he went to the Transkei as a missionary. He worked in several locations in the Transkei area and became lecturer at the Theological Seminary for the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa at Decoligny. He did his doctoral studies in Philadelphia at Westminster Theological Seminary under E. J. Young. In 1972 he accepted a call to the Theological Seminary in Stellenbosch because he was convinced that by influencing students in theology he would still be serving the Church's missionary work. He was in the department of OT there until his death.

Odendaal's research included work on the messianic expectation, in eschatological perspective, of Isaiah 40-66. He was also concerned with the correct understanding and preaching of different texts. His latest studies were in the area of wisdom literature, especially Job.

Odendaal left behind his wife Marie, five children and two grandchildren.

BRUCE C. STARK

Bruce Stark went to be with the Lord on December 16, 1990, in Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. His death came as a result of cardiogenic shock (heart failure). He was teaching at Texas Bible College at the time of his death.

Stark was a graduate of the pastor's course at Moody Bible Institute, received the B.A. degree from Wheaton College and was awarded the B.D., Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Northern Baptist Seminary. He began his teaching career as an associate professor of OT and Hebrew at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ashland, Ohio. He accepted the position of professor of philosophy in 1971 at Ashland College, serving as chairman of the department from 1972 until his retirement in 1984. He was honored as a faculty member emeritus.

Stark was editor of the *New Reformation Bulletin* and was a published author of numerous articles in the *Wycliffe Bible Dictionary* and the *Zondervan Bible Encyclopedia*. A noted Bible conference speaker, he served pastorates in Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio as well as interimships both as a student and while teaching. Since his retirement Stark had been active in the United Baptist Church of Grand Falls, New Brunswick, Canada, and the Ortonville United Baptist Church, serving for a time as interim pastor.

He was married to Tena Koormin on August 14, 1944, who survives him. Also surviving are three daughters, three sons, nine grandchildren and two sisters.

F. FRANKLYN WISE

F. Franklyn Wise was born in Akron, Ohio. On October 4, 1941, he and June White were united in marriage. A son and daughter were born to them. They have six grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Wise was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1946. He received the B.A. degree from Eastern Nazarene College in 1944 and the M.Ed. (1952) and Ph.D. degrees (1958) from the University of Pittsburgh in the field of religious education. For thirteen years Wise served as pastor in western Pennsylvania at Confluence, Scottdale and Homer City. Active in youth work during that time, he served for ten years as vice-president of the district youth organization and three years as president.

In 1957 Wise accepted a position on the faculty of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee. In the eight years he taught there he was

head of the department of Christian education and for three years was dean of students. He joined the faculty of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, in September 1965, where he was associate professor of Christian education and psychology as well as dean of students. In June 1969 he moved to Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, where he served as professor of religious education and psychology, acting head of the department of psychology, and chairman of the department of Christian education. In September 1976 he served as academic dean of the Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, while on sabbatical leave. He returned to Canadian Nazarene College in September 1977 where he fulfilled the same responsibilities. In 1981 he returned to Olivet as full professor in Christian education. He retired in 1986 and in 1987 was awarded emeritus standing.

F. Franklyn Wise died of cancer on October 4, 1990, at Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

MARTEN HENDRIK WOUDESTRA

Marten Woudestra was born in Bergum in the Netherlands in 1922. During World War II he graduated from the Reformed Gymnasium in 1942 and attended the Reformed Theological Seminary in Kampen from 1942 to 1946. Upon emigrating to the United States in 1947, he enrolled at Westminster Theological Seminary where he received the B.D. degree in 1948, the Th.M. in 1949 and the Th.D. in 1964. He also studied at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in 1951–52; the Free University of Amsterdam, which granted him the Doctorandus in Theology degree in 1955; and the University of Hamburg (1969–70). During his student days in Philadelphia he taught at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary from 1949 to 1952.

Woudestra was ordained into the ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in 1953 and became the pastor of the Third Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. After a pastorate of two years he was called to be professor of Hebrew and OT exegesis at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served in that capacity from 1955 until his retirement in 1985. Twice he went to Australia, where he was guest professor of OT and systematic theology at the Reformed Theological College in Geelong, Victoria (1972 and 1979).

He was the editor of *Reformed Review* (1952), *The Guardian* (1953–55), and *Church and Nation* (1956–69). For many years he served as translator and editor of the NIV. He wrote the commentary on Joshua for the NICOT series. In 1979 he was elected president of the Evangelical Theological Society.