



## Rev. Leonard S. Confar

October 31, 1923 - July 11, 2020

Rev. Leonard S. Confar of Columbus, age 96, died Saturday, July 11, 2020 at First Community Village. Born October 31, 1923 in San Diego, California, he graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles. A Navy veteran, he served both as an enlisted man and as a Supply Officer during World War II. He graduated from Boston University's School of Theology and its College of Social Work. Subsequently he received the Doctor of Ministry degree from the San Francisco Theological Seminary. He was the Pastor of United Methodist churches in Youngstown, Newton Falls, Oxford, and King Avenue church in Columbus. He was the Superintendent of the Columbus North District for United Methodist congregations. Retiring in 1988, he was one of the Chaplains at Wesley Glen Retirement Center for 18 years. Beginning in Oxford, Ohio, he became a student of the Korean form of martial arts, Tae Kwon Do, and for many years was the Instructor for hundreds of students in Columbus. He achieved the rank of Master Instructor when he was seventy years of age. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Shoemaker) Confar; sons, Charles (Julie) Confar and Peter (Patti) Confar; daughter, Elizabeth (Arin) Hawkins; grandchildren, Elizabeth (Sean) Ryan, Thomas Confar, Dylan Confar, Kimberly Confar, Hannah (Mike) Roese Moyer, Benjamin Roese and Bo Hawkins; and great-granddaughter, Riley Ryan. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 25, 2020 at King Avenue United Methodist Church, 299 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201. Rev. John Keeny, officiating. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Endowment Fund of King Avenue church. Arrangements by: RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio. Condolences may be left at: [www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com). The service for Rev. Leonard Confar will be live streamed at <http://bit.ly/ka-church-online>

# Events

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**JUL Memorial Service 11:00AM**

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King Avenue United Methodist Church  
299 King Avenue, Columbus, AK, US, 43201

# Comments

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“ Nancy, I’m so sorry to heard that Len has passed away. I’m at so thankful for his (and your) kind and encouraging presence in my life! As a child I enjoyed sharing that Len had baptized me and would sometimes mistakenly say that he had “adopted me!” My mom would calmly respond- “that’s not right. Try again!” Ha! I was so thankful for Len’s willingness to help our family when my brother and later my mom died. He was an oak in the wind. I wish you comfort and please know he is remembered. With love, Beth (Major) James

**beth james** - August 01 at 07:08 PM

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“ Nancy - The Donnenthirth family shares a long meaningful history at King Ave with the Confars. I personally have a fond memory of Len. He was one of my "elder brother" colleagues that I respected greatly and personally admired. My daughter, Ellen, joins me in wishing you and your family God's comforting blessing at this time of loss. Peace, Dick Donnenthirth

**Richard Donnenthirth** - July 29 at 08:27 AM

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“ Dearest Nancy and family - Blessing and warm hugs to you all in your time of tremendous loss. I adored Len and learned so much from him. The first 2 memories (of many!) that popped into my head were my involvement with a 7-person stewardship team; such a great experience. And I also have a bunch of little 4x6 cards with sermon summaries on them!  
Len was a gift to us all. I mourn his passing but will never forget him. Again, blessings and warm hugs...and sweet memories to you all,  
Doris Oursler

**Doris Oursler** - July 25 at 11:14 AM

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“ Lenard Confar was my pastor at King Avenue when I was an undergrad at OSU in the 1960's. I'm grateful for his impact on my life. Sincerely Rev. Jack B Witherspoon, retired UMC pastor

**Jack Witherspoon** - July 25 at 10:47 AM

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“ Nancy and Family~

My condolences to you and your family with the loss of Dr. Confar. I so enjoyed working with him at Wesley Glen when he served as Chaplain and I was Administrative Assistant to the CEO at the time. He was a delight to work with when preparing for the yearly memorial services at the Glen. Such a kind, uplifting, wonderful gentleman. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Blessings,  
Emily Hobson.

Emily Hobson - July 22 at 10:49 AM

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“ When he served King Ave. UMC, he met with my fiance and me to discuss marriage. I hadn't been in church for a couple years, and my fiance was Catholic. In the pre-marital counseling he said, 'Never give 100% in the marriage, aim for 60%, as the other may only be able to give 40% on a given day. If you give 100% you will loose who you are.'" None of us knew then, in 1981, that I would be called to ministry. I continue to pass on his wisdom when I speak to couples. We were blessed by his message each week, which kept a young couple in church. He also baptized our first child. Thank you Dr. Confar for being such a blessing to Dan and I, our family, and countless others over the decades.  
Rev. Deb Ketcham, UMC

Debra Ketcham - July 21 at 11:28 AM

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“ Love, Brady, Thomas, Kelly and Jonathan Confar purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rev. Leonard S. Confar.



Love, Brady, Thomas, Kelly and Jonathan Confar - July 19 at 08:51 PM

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“ Len was wonderful mentor and friend to me while I was under him in Columbus. he is a man of great wisdom and grace and humor. He will be missed. Prayers for the family!

Barry DeShetler - July 19 at 05:30 PM

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“ Leonard brought me to Maple Grove in 1986. He was kind and helpful. He also told me at Annual Conference a few years ago, that if I wanted to see a former member again I should do it soon. I did. Thanks Len, for all did for all of us. C.Hill

Charles W. Hill Hill - July 18 at 02:17 PM

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“ Rev Confar was here for us, and me in particular, when Hardy was in surgery. I so appreciated his attentiveness and kindness then and always. We loved having him as our pastor and friend and he will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him.

Barbara Eshbaugh - July 17 at 02:35 PM

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“ Nancy & Family,

Just heard of Len's death! We have many remembrances of our time together on the Cabinet and our mostly good sometimes challenging, times during those days. Our love and prayers are with you as you say your fondest

We all know that Len is already experiencing resurrection and life in the presence of our God whose love will never let him go.

Our love and prayers are with you all.

Peg & Paul Stuckey

Prg & Paul Stuckey - July 17 at 10:39 AM

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“ My most sincere condolences to the Confar family. "Cousin Sims" was always so nice to me in sharing our family tree information. He is mother, Nellie, and my grandfather, Tom, were siblings. My father, Charles "Sam" Virden, used to always tell me stories of Sims babysitting him when they were little in Los Angeles. He had a wonderful long life, and my best to the whole Confar family.

Love,  
Cousin Susan Virden

Susan Virden Slade - July 16 at 07:56 PM

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“ Rev. Confar is fondly remembered by me from my undergrad years at OSU as well as during my years of public school teaching mathematics at Hastings Junior High School.

He inspired me in many ways that led me to get MEd at the University Of Virginia (Charlottesville, Va) & math text book editing. Eventually I moved to Boston and attended Boston University School of Theology for a MDiv. That led me under the tutelage of Rev Ralph Shunk to be ordained a Deacon & Elder in the West Ohio Conference. I served in local rural churches and eventually as chaplain at First Community Village. I am now retired and in Court House Manor Assisted Living in my hometown of Washington CH, Ohio. I am most grateful for Rev Dr. Len Confar his impact on my life journey... his loving care, warm smile and genuine interested in students at OSU who worshiped at King Avenue United Methodist Church, Fondly Rev Jack B Witherspoon West Ohio Coference



Jack Witherspoon - July 16 at 05:31 PM