



David A. Redding

October 12, 2013

Dr. David A. Redding, 89, of Delaware, Ohio went to be with his Lord, Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Kobacker House surrounded by his loving family, and with his English Mastiff, Molly, beneath his bed. Born on November 24, 1923 to the late Rev. Charles and Marion (Maxwell) Redding of Wooster, David was a graduate of the College of Wooster, and studied also at Columbia and the Ohio State University. He earned advanced degrees from Oberlin and Vanderbilt University before going on to a career in the Presbyterian Ministry. He was also the recipient of the Doctor of Humane Letters from Flagler College in St. Augustine just down the street from Flagler Memorial Church where he served as pastor playing an important role in the formative years of the College. David was a member of the "greatest generation" and proudly served as a Naval officer in the Pacific theater in World War II. He was a Deck Officer on the Battleship, U.S.S. Idaho, the Carrier, U.S.S. Saratoga, and later stationed on an L.S.T. on the Yangtze River as the communists overran main land China. He was blessed to be on an Honor Flight very near the end of his earthly journey. David was a prolific author who began writing articles in the early 1960's for Life Magazine and Reader's Digest the most widely read periodicals of the day. During that time Life named him as one of the top ten U.S. clergymen and, "...one of the most eloquent younger voices in the U.S. pulpit." Over the next thirty-five years his articles appeared in nearly all the leading Christian publications, including Guideposts, Christian Herald, and Christian Century. He went on to write some 27 books and was published by

such leading publishing houses as Harper and Row, Revell, J.B. Lippencott, and Zondervan. Along with Keith Miller and Bruce Larson, David was among the first contract authors with Word Inc. of Waco, TX. His inimitable stories and Biblical characterizations were quoted by many Christian leaders, including Norman Vincent Peale, Billy Graham, Elizabeth Elliot, Robert Schuler, Max Lucado, and Chuck Swindoll. Texas became especially dear to David as he spent 40 summers speaking and leading writing workshops along the Frio River at Laity Lodge near San Antonio. He always called it his home away from home. Upon his retirement as Pastor of Liberty Presbyterian Church at 80 years' I young Dispatch Columnist, Mike Hardin, chronicled David's career in ministry in an article entitled, "Amen;" but God was not done with David as he continued to write, preach, and teach for Sky Farm Chapel on his Delaware farm. His most important accomplishments were what God so surely wrought through his ministry in the many thousands of lives that were touched and changed forever by the Gospel of David's Savior, Jesus Christ. His beautiful wife, Dorothy, and beloved son, John, precede David in death. He is survived by his beloved sister, Mary Elizabeth Redding Nicholls; his children, Marion Redding, David (Bobbie) Redding; Mark (Sarah) Redding; and Shari Redding (John's widow); grandchildren, Alexei (Crystal) lizanich, Katrina (Ryan) Hayes, Alicia (David) Bazzel, Danielle (Zach) Housler, Hannah, Kate, Ian, Cameron, and David W.; great-grandchildren, Avalyn, Anastasia, Noah, and Bentley, and Emma; and cherished cousins, nieces and nephews. The children taken in from other families who Papa and Mimi call their own: Sandy McIntosh (Fred), Rob Greene (Pam), and Chris Way (Pam), and Jennie Tran and their families. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 3, at Liberty Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Dr. John Hart officiating. The Prelude will begin at 2 pm. Thank you to Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, Worthington, for providing the arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Community Health Access Program (C.H.A.P.) at [http://chap-ohio.net/press1?page id=18](http://chap-ohio.net/press1?page%20id=18) or Community Health Access Project, Richland Community Service Center, Attn: Dan Wertenberger, 35 North Park

Street, Suite 132, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. Or donations may be made to Liberty Presbyterian Church, Attn: Financial Secretary, 7080 Olentangy River Road, Delaware, OH 43015, Future Expansion Fund in the memo line.

Tribute Wall

DQ

“ David performed my wedding with Scott Quick
David was very knowledgeable with the Bible.
We would attend under the trees, from time to time. So sorry for the
family's loss.

Sincerely,
Diana Quick
God bless

Diana Quick - February 24 at 04:10 PM



“ David A. Redding

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

RS

“ So sorry this is late, just found out about David's passing. He was a
godly model to me as a minister. His books are treasures! Still have
a copy of one of his messages in his handwriting! It is a prized
possession. God bless you all.

Randy Snyder, CrossHope Radio www.crosshope.org
former minister of Madison Christian Church in Groveport, Ohio

Randy Snyder - May 24, 2018 at 12:09 PM

WD

“ To the Family of David Redding: We noted in the obituary that David
served as a Naval Officer during World War II. We want you to know
that we appreciate his service to our country. Our most heartfelt
sympathy goes out to you for your loss. Sincerely, The Daughters of
the American Revolution, Wooster-Wayne Chapter

Wooster-Wayne D.A.R. - October 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *All love to the Redding family. We are so sad and yet have such wonderful memories.*

judy and guy parker - October 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *I'm thankful for David. He has made my life better by sharing God's word in a way that is unique to David. What a compelling story teller he has always been! David has always brought God's word to life for me. I will miss him, but I know that your Mom and my parents were glad to greet him as he made his homecoming. With sadness ... and with joy ... but mostly with love and gratitude.*

Holly Ross - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM