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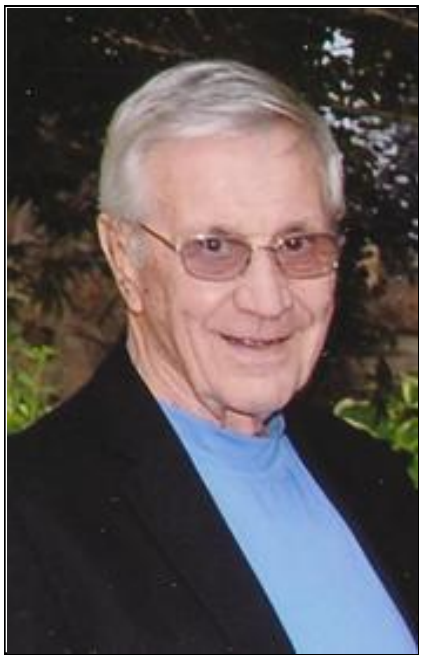
Rev. Dr. Lawrence Svane



(March 01, 1930 - April 25, 2013)

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Svane - 83, of Harleysville, PA went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Grand View Hospital.

He was the loving husband of Sarah "Sally" Svane for 34 years. Larry was born in Seattle, WA to the late Karl & Asta Svane.

He graduated from Lake Washington High School. Larry graduated from University of Washington, class of 1952. He graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, class of 1955. He then graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980 with a Doctorate of Ministry. Larry also received a Masters of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, class of 1985.

Throughout his lifetime, he served as the Pastor for: Tremont Presbyterian Church of New York City, First Presbyterian Church of Clifton, NJ, First Presbyterian of Millville, NJ and Ann Carmichael Memorial Presbyterian Church of Bensalem, PA. Larry also served as a visitation pastor at Christ Covenant Church in Harleysville, PA.

He was member of the Masters Swim Program, receiving many medals, the highest of which was the gold medal at the Senior Olympics. Larry enjoyed gardening, antiquing and building birdhouses and model ships.

He and his wife were members of Immanuel Leidy's Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by her three daughters, Diane Smith & husband, Edward of Harleysville, PA, Elaine Muraresku & husband, Charles of Riverton, NJ, Linda Molloy & husband, Edward of Chalfont, PA; her three sons, Edward La Guardia & wife, Germaine of Warrington, PA, Steven La Guardia & wife, Kimberly of Telford, PA, David La Guardia of Hanover, NH; 19 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and his sister, Nancy Jabon of Everett, WA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Francis Pennings.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 11:00

am at Immanuel Leidy's Church, 276 W. Cherry Lane, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964 where friends may meet with the family from 10:00 am – 11:00 am.

Burial will take place at Immanuel Leidy's Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Hospice Memorial Fund c/o Grand View Hospice, 700 Lawn Avenue, Sellersville, PA 18960.

Arrangements by: Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home & Crematory, 130 East Broad Street, Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964. To send online condolences to the family, visit www.andersfh.com