

## OBITUARY

### Rev. John Pfahler Jr., Methodist pastor

The Rev. John L. Pfahler Jr., 80, of Hackettstown died Tuesday, June 12, in his home.

He was a reverend from 1941 to the present, most recently serving the United Methodist churches of Anderson in Port Murray, N.J., and Asbury, N.J. He served many other United Methodist churches in Ohio, including Kilbourne, Leonardsburg, Butler, Belleville and Newville; and in New Jersey in East Orange, Maplewood, Denville, New Providence, Phillipsburg, Caldwell, Port Morris and Annandale. He specialized in creating and coordinating personal prayer ceremonies for weddings, funerals and other events.

Born in Bucyrus, Ohio, he had resided in many towns in Ohio and New Jersey before moving to Hackettstown more than three years ago.

He served as a chaplain for the Denville and New Providence police departments and the Roxbury, N.J., Fire Department.

He served as a sergeant medic in the Army during World War II, from 1943 to 1945.

He was a member of the Musconetcong Lodge No. 151 F&AM in Budd Lake, N.J., the Masonic Lodge of Belleville, Ohio, and VFW Post No. 2619 in Caldwell.

He was an avid fisherman, fly fisherman and outdoorsman his entire life.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Elaine Fox; four daughters, Susan Nicholls of Bushkill, Rebecca Christian of Hackettstown, Judith of Riverside, R.I., and Laurie of Browns Mills, N.J.; a son, John of Hackettstown; five sisters, Maxine Smith in Ohio, Patricia Whatman of Defiance, Ohio, Helen Bollinger of Tiffin, Ohio, Mary Strong of Butler, Ohio, and Janice Creps of Sabina, Ohio; two brothers, Paul of Lakeland, Fla., and David of Mansfield, Ohio; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday in Ohio. Memorial services in New Jersey will be announced by the Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home, Main Road, Landing, N.J.

The family requests memorials to the Centenary Fund and Preacher's Aid Society in care of GNJAC, 22 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940 or the American Cancer Society, Warren Division, 4 Opdyke's Lane, Oxford, NJ 07863.

### Rev. John L. Pfahler Jr.

The Rev. John L. Pfahler Jr., 80, of Hackettstown, died June 12 at home.

Born in Bucyrus, Ohio, he lived throughout Ohio and New Jersey before moving to Hackettstown three years ago.

He was a clergyman from 1941 to 2000. Most recently, he served at the United Methodist Churches of Anderson in Port Murray and Asbury. He also served at many other United Methodist churches in Ohio including Kilbourne, Leonardsburg, Butler, Belleville and Newville. In New Jersey he served in East Orange, Maplewood, Denville, New Providence, Phillipsburg, Caldwell, Port Morris and Allerton in Annandale.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Elaine (Fox); four daughters, Susan Nicholls of Bushkill, R.I., and Laurie of Browns Mills; a son, John of Hackettstown; five sisters in Ohio, Maxine Smith, Patricia Whatman of Defiance, Helen Ballinger of Tiffin, Mary Strong of Butler and Janice Creps of Sabina; two brothers, Paul of Lakeland, Florida, and David of Mansfield, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were in Ohio. A memorial service will be scheduled in New Jersey at a later date.

Memorials may be sent to the Centenary Fund and Preacher's Aid Society, care of GNJAC, 22 Madison Ave., Madison, N.J. 07940 or the American Cancer Society, Warren Division, 4 Opdyke's Lane, Oxford, N.J. 07863.

Arrangements were by Leber-Lakeside Funeral Home in Landing.

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DATE OF DEATH: June 12, 2001