

ter, Daphne, moved to the Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls, Amie in the nursing home and Daphne in the assisted living apartments, where she still resides. You can reach Daphne at (605) 271-2545 or at Apt #14, 4001 South Marion Road, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

**Dorothy Patzia**, 80, the wife of Art, passed away at the Atherton Baptist Homes in Alhambra, California, on January 11, 2021, due to dementia and physical limitations brought about by her multiple system atrophy. Dorothy was an active wife of sixty years, mother of three children, and grandmother of five. She taught school and worked in educational administration all her adult life, and she served as a volunteer in the school district of Pasadena, California. Please send any cards to Arthur Patzia at 811 W Commonwealth Avenue, Apt C, Alhambra, CA, 91801. His phone number is 626-200-6925.

**Dorothy Nienhuis Holzimmer**, 99, passed away January 21, 2021. Dorothy and her late husband, Fred, served in Cameroon from 1951 to 1982, when he was diagnosed with the cancer he would pass away from a year later. In Cameroon, Fred's passion was the training and support of pastors and churches, and periodically he served as Field Treasurer.

Dorothy was very involved with the women's work and the training of young women. The couple had the distinction of having lived on every station in Cameroon, except Soppo. Dorothy is survived by three daughters: Joy Smith, Miriam Brindley, and Barbara Holzimmer. You can reach Joy at jjoysmith2@gmail.com, Miriam Brindley at miriambrindley21@gmail.com, and Barbara at bholzimmer54@aol.com.

**Lois Uptigrove**, 60, passed away on January 29, 2021, in Calgary, about six months after her cancer diagnosis. Lois was a pioneer in NAB in many ways. She was the first woman moderator at Brentview Baptist Church and the first woman on the NAB Executive Committee, and though unsuccessful, she was the first woman to run for the position of Moderator of the NAB Conference. She will long be remembered for her insights, creativity, and spiritual depth while serving on numerous committees.

**Larry Kent Roberts**, 72, passed from this earth on February 20, 2021, following a two-month battle with COVID-19 complications and a fourteen-year struggle with dementia. As the son of preacher, he loved Jesus from a young age, and his love of music and singing was evident from grade school.

He graduated from John Brown University, during which time he met his wife, Alice; they were married in 1970. Three years later they began a lifelong ministry in church worship music. Larry served as the worship pastor at Sunrise Community Church in Fair Oaks, California, for twenty-two years. In 2007, he was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia. He is survived by Alice; his children Brian (Alisa) and Mandy (Joseph); his grandchildren Micah, Samareh, Setareh, Joshua, Noah, Sara Alice, Cyrus, and Ava; his siblings Janet Crawford and Stacey Roberts; and his uncle Karel Roberts.

## ON THE MOVE

**Ed Quillen** retired from pastoring in Libby, Montana, and now resides in to Athens Texas.

**Dirk Spalding** retired as pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 31, 2020. Dirk was the pastor there for thirty years. He and his wife, Barbara, live at 317 Acorn Drive Warminster, PA 18974. You can also call them at (215) 605-2071.

**Clyde and Barbara Zimelman** moved from Nebraska to San Antonio, Texas, as of December 2020.



# SERVANT LINK

Connecting Retired Christian Workers & Friends of the NAB Conference

## WHAT IS PATIENCE?

BY RON STOLLER

What does your patience level look like? Some people don't seem to have the patience to wait for the flower blossoms to open up; some say they have no patience with the virus issue, the political issues, the mask issue, and school issues that face us daily. What about your patience with your family and friends, your local church, and your local businesses? How do you control your own patience during these days? I often wonder why we have microwaves, cell phones, computers, remotes, and pain medicine. People are wanting things to happen much faster. We don't have the patience to wait for things, people, or the working of the Lord in our lives.

What about your patience in your spiritual life? Are you patient with yourself, with your spiritual leaders, and with God? In the Bible, we have seventy references to the word "patience," fifteen in the Old Testament and fifty-five in New Testament! In James 5:7, we read, "Be patient, then, brothers until the Lord's coming" (NIV). Many people are wishing the Lord would come soon. Instead,

we should be working to be ready to meet Him instead of reflecting on the problems of the world around us. James goes on by writing, "Be patient and stand firm" (5:8). With all that is happening in the world around us, we need to stand firm and reflect on His love, joy, peace, and patience in our lives. Our patience with ourselves is a vital testimony of patience with others and God. It is relying on God for His timing, not ours.

Are you a patient person or a person of patience? "This world is not my home. I'm just passing through." These words from a hymn remind us that we are temporarily on this earth and waiting for our heavenly home. In this edition of Servant Link, you will read of many people who waited patiently for the Lord and now are enjoying His presence. How patiently are you waiting for the cherry blossoms to burst forth in full bloom? How patiently are you waiting for the Lord to take your hands to guide you through these difficult days? ■

THE 2021 TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2021 WILL BE HELD ONLINE.

See [www.nabtriennial.com](http://www.nabtriennial.com) for more details.

**Notice:** Due to the large number of items in this delayed scheduled printing of the Servant Link, we have had to abbreviate information on many items.

For more information on these items or new information for the next edition of Servant Link, please contact Ron and Joan Stoller at [Stoller@Japan.email.ne.jp](mailto:Stoller@Japan.email.ne.jp) or by phone, either (503) 629-5053 or (503) 709-4041.

# IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Ken and Esther Schmuland** are both are confined to their home in Post Falls, Idaho, with cancer conditions. Ken has kyphoplasty myeloma and needs radioactive treatments in the near future. Call and encourage them at (208) 777-3039.

**Ted Faszer** has had some ongoing leg issues and had three radiofrequency ablation surgeries in January. Three more surgeries were scheduled for February.

Please pray for **Alice Roberts**, who for years served at Sunrise Community Church in Fair Oaks, California. She was affected with COVID-19 and is recovering at home and needs prayer for strength.

Remember the many NAB retired seniors who are healthy and safe, yet confined to their care centers, in prayer, or call them.

There are many of our seniors who have had COVID-19 and need our prayers.

# CELEBRATION

**Dr. Marv Dewey** was recently engaged to **Dr. Barbara Mutch**, with wedding plans for May 14.



## HOME TO GLORY

**Carolyn (Brown) Heringer**, who served as a member of God's Volunteers from 1965 to 1966, passed away on June 30, 2019, in Arizona.

**Ruth Margaret Tiessen Strauss**, 94, passed away September 4, 2020. Ruth was born in Monitor, Alberta. She and her husband, Elmer, served at churches in Madison, South Dakota, and Ellinwood, Kansas, before serving as directors of God's Volunteers. Then they had two assignments as NAB missionaries in Africa. In 1988 they "retired" and moved to north Dallas, Texas, to join their daughters, Amy Strauss and Holly Plank.

**Rev. Robert J. "Bob" Weiss**, 62, entered into God's presence on October 1, 2020. Bob was serving as the pastor at Bismarck Baptist Church at the time of his death. He previously served churches in Corona, California; Niles, Michigan; Kyle, Texas; Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; and Watertown, South Dakota. You can view his service at [www.eastgatefuneral.com](http://www.eastgatefuneral.com).

**Helen Vernon**, 97, entered into God's presence on October 4, 2020. Together with her husband, Norm, Helen served in the NAB for almost sixty years. They pastored in Wayne and Benton Harbor, Michigan, and in Boca Raton, Florida. Helen continued to be active in church until this past year when COVID-19 hit. You can contact Helen's son-in-law at [timbartraining@gmail.com](mailto:timbartraining@gmail.com).

**Beverly Jean (Wardell) Hamil Benedict**, 74, passed

away October 15, 2020. Beverly was born in Muskegon, Michigan. She married Rev. Cliff Hamil, and they served in many NAB churches. A memorial service was held November 6 at the United Community Baptist Church in Anamoose, North Dakota.

**Warren Allen Kramer**, 77, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, passed away on October 26, 2020, at home. Warren was born on February 6, 1943, in Napoleon, North Dakota. Warren married Jackie Gregersen in 1976, and they were blessed with a daughter and two sons. His siblings are Lucille Reit, Dennis (Sharlene) Kramer, Tom (Lois) Kramer, Mervin (Jackie) Kramer, and Terry (Christine) Kramer. A private funeral service was held on November 2, 2020, in Sioux Falls. You can email Tom at [kramertria@yahoo.com](mailto:kramertria@yahoo.com) and Mervin at [mervkramer2@gmail.com](mailto:mervkramer2@gmail.com).

**Kathy Iblings**, 68, passed into the presence of her Savior on November 2, 2020, after a diagnosis of late-stage pancreatic cancer in mid-August 2020. Kathy and her husband, Mark, spent the majority of their nearly forty-five years together pastoring in NAB churches in Omaha, Nebraska, and Caroline, Alberta, as well as in North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, and Montana before they finally found the "promised land" in northern Washington, where they were involved in a church plant with the NAB conference. You can write to Mark at 4275 Minaker Road Sumas, WA 98295, or email at [carpbro@hotmail.com](mailto:carpbro@hotmail.com).

You can find her memorial service on YouTube.

**Harlow Rudolph**, 74, passed away on November 17, 2020, in Yuma, Arizona, due to COVID-19. He was remembered at a graveside service with military honors held on December 5, 2020, in Herreid, South Dakota. Harlow was never a pastor but sang in many NAB churches with his wife, Jarene, in duets and with others as a quartet for the more than twenty years, with twenty recordings with SONrise.

**Irene Wollenberg** passed away on November 26, 2020. Irene and her husband, John, pastored NAB Churches in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, and Alberta.

**Lucy (Wipf) Dalzell**, 89, passed away from COVID-19 on December 3, 2020. Born in Freeman, South Dakota, she was baptized by her father at First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota, at the age of 11. In 1960, she went to Japan as a missionary with the NAB and spent thirty-six years in various outreach and training ministries there. She retired to Emery and within a year God brought Floyd Dalzell into her life. They married in March 1997 and spent twenty years in ministry in various churches, where Floyd preached and Lucy played the piano. In the fall of 2020, with other complications of health, Lucy and Floyd moved into his daughter's home for more help. Lucy was buried outside of First Baptist of Emery on December 12. You can contact Lucy's brother, Donald Wipf, at [dondwipf@gmail.com](mailto:dondwipf@gmail.com).

**Walter C. Aman**, 100, passed away peacefully on December 9, 2020, in Portland, Oregon. He was a very strong member of an NAB church in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Bethany Baptist Church in Portland. Walter was a proud veteran of WW2, a volunteer in NAB missions in Cameroon, and a conscientious worker in vocational rehabilitation. He encouraged

people in the care centers where he lived and the churches he attended.

**David Breitkreuz**, 59, passed away on December 14, 2020. He was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, and passed away at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo, Iowa. His parents were George and Esther Breitkreuz. He was a doctor in Cedar Falls, Iowa, until his retirement in October 2019. David's desire was to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ to his patients and through short-term medical missions, as well as through ministering to his church family at Cedar Heights Baptist Church.

**Floyd Dalzell**, 94, passed away on December 17, 2020, with COVID-19 and other complications, two weeks after the passing of his wife, Lucy. Floyd married Lucy Wipf on March 15, 1997, after losing his wife, Pearl, to cancer shortly before meeting Lucy. The Dalzell family were traveling musicians and evangelists in the Midwest for many years. For twenty years, Lucy and Floyd traveled to fill pulpits for weeks or months at a time. Floyd took very good care of Lucy, even during her last months as he struggled with dementia. He was buried with his first wife in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, on December 29. You can reach his daughter, Joyce Scheumann, at [scheumannfruitsales@gmail.com](mailto:scheumannfruitsales@gmail.com).

**Rev. Dr. Willy "Bill" Muller**, 95, entered into God's presence on December 23, 2020. Willy was born the fourth of eight children at the family home in Kelstern, Saskatchewan. He ventured off to the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, in 1942. In 1946, he enrolled at Rochester Baptist Seminary in New York to follow his calling to become a pastor. Willy's love for learning and sharing the Gospel led him to many academic degrees. With Mary, whom he married on August 11, 1951, they followed God's leading. From 1951 to 1965, they pastored in three churches in the greater Edmonton area. His teaching career from 1965 to

1990 allowed him to give his life to students in North America. For five years he taught in Cameroon and then had time to share his life in Europe, teaching many students there before returning to Edmonton from 2010 to 2015. His wife supported him for fifty-seven years of marriage. Willie was known for his wit and for his weeping for the message of the Gospel of Christ. He is survived by his daughters Joy and Rebecca and two grandchildren. You can find his memorial service at [greenfieldchurch.ca/drmuller](http://greenfieldchurch.ca/drmuller).

**Don Decker**, 85, went to be with the Lord on December 30, 2020. He graduated from Sioux Falls University and North American Baptist Seminary. Don and his wife, Alice, served in Marion and Lorraine, Kansas; Apple Valley, Minnesota; and Tacoma, Washington. They did interim ministry at Alpena, Michigan; Dallas, Oregon; Missoula, Montana; and Lorraine, Kansas. Retirement near their son Murry in California followed after their forty years of ministry and sixty years of marriage. Because of various complications, in December he was moved from his care center to the VA hospital, where he passed away. Contact Alice Decker at [ddeckerdallas@gmail.com](mailto:ddeckerdallas@gmail.com), at 15352 Castanet Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638, or at (503) 559-4652.

**John Finstrom**, 88, passed away in January 2021 in Chicago, Illinois. His wife, Evelyn Finstrom, worked in the NAB office in Illinois for many years. Contact Evelyn at 200 Village Drive, Apt 247 Downers Grove, IL 60516. You can watch the memorial at [vimeo.com/506578797](https://vimeo.com/506578797).

**Amie Dunger**, 74, passed away January 10, 2021, at Ava's House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, after an extended illness. At 10 years of age, Amie became a believer and followed the Lord in baptism at the first service at the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. When the church branched out in 1978 with a church extension project, Amie was a charter member in Brandon. Most recently, Amie and her sis-