



Rev. Philip E. Batten, PhD.

September 22, 1950 - January 8, 2014

Rev. Philip E. Batten, PhD., age 63 of Crestline, Ohio, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Millcreek Nursing Rehabilitation Center in Galion, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday, 1:00 p.m. at Wooster Church of The Nazarene, in Wooster with Rev. David Flack and Rev. Steve Ward officiating. A private family interment will take place at a later time.

Visitation will be at the church Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services.

Custer-Glenn funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster is honored with serving the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: The Phil Batten Scholarship Fund of Ohio Christian University or to Pastor Phil Batten Memorial Fund at any First Merit Bank branch.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

He was born on September 22, 1950 in Parkersburg, W.Va. to Earl and Wilma (Finch) Batten.

He graduated from Belpre High School in 1968 and graduated from Ohio Christian University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion.

He then graduated from Trinity Theological Seminary in 2002 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and then obtained his Doctorate of Divinity from Ohio Christian University in 2011.

He married Delta Casto on October 5, 1974 in Columbus, Ohio. She survives.

He was an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene; Founder of the Cleveland Train and Executive Director of Lighthouse, Inc. He had invested his life in serving the children of Cleveland, Ohio.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 2 sons, Rev. Andy (Krisen) Batten of Cleveland, Oh. and Jamey Batten of Circleville, Oh.; his father and mother in law, Paul and Kathern Casto of Columbus, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant sister.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wooster Church Of The Nazarene
3100 Oak Hill Rd.
Wooster, OH

Service

JAN **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ My hearts go out to you in the passing of Phil. What a wonderful and faithful servant he was! He left an impact and inspired everyone he came in contact with. He will be greatly missed and loved by many! Only eternity will reveal the true rewards of his ministry. May you find peace and comfort in knowing the suffering has ceased and he is celebrating in glory!###imported-begin##Judy Stewart Martinez##imported-end##

January 12, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I learned a great deal while taking care of him for those few days in the hospital, I thank him greatly for that. He brought the Christmas spirit to all of us. And thanks to the family as well. My prayers are with you all ;)###imported-begin##Laura Aldrich##imported-end##

January 12, 2014 at 11:44 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Phil. Dan and I were the very first wedding he ever performed back in 1975. I'm not sure who was more nervous... him or us...lol! I always loved and appreciated Pastor Phil. His passion for the Lord and others was a great example of a true disciple! I know you miss him and will always, but I also know that knowing someone is with our Lord and Saviour brings us comfort that the world doesn't understand. Peace and comfort to you all during this time of loss. I can just hear Phil's big voice singing in Heaven's choir now!###imported-begin##Sherry Daugherty##imported-end##

January 12, 2014 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear family and friends of Phil Batten,

We share your sorrow at the passing of this godly man. He will be greatly missed by many. However, We know where Phil is. He is with his beloved Savior and Friend. There is also great joy in knowing that for those who love the Lord Jesus Christ, this is not "good - bye -- " but "see you later." Please be assured that Phil's love for you did not die with him. He left it behind as a gift to remember him by. With Love, in Christ our Lord, "Trish" and Darrell Emerson (Wooster Church of the Nazarene)##imported-begin##Patricia (Trish) Emerson##imported-end##

January 11, 2014 at 06:30 PM



“ I have the utmost respect for Pastor Phil. Although I did not know him well, the fruit of his love and commitment to Christ is evident in the boys and girls of HeavenTrain. He is a hero of the faith and an example for me and others to follow. I rejoice for him and his graduation to Glory. May God comfort all of those who mourn.##imported-begin##Harry Bound##imported-end##

January 11, 2014 at 02:32 PM



“ I was in a band back in the 80's (THE GOSPEL GRASS BAND) and we had the honor of playing for Rev. Batten at his church for "OLD FASHION DAY" in East Lake. what a great man of God Rev. Batten was. He is gone to his reward and I wish his family the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus. My prayers are with you.

###imported-begin##John Johnson##imported-end##

January 11, 2014 at 02:01 PM



“ Delta,
I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers as you go through these difficult days.
Peggy###imported-begin##Peggy Kruzer##imported-end##

January 11, 2014 at 01:07 PM



“ Thank you Pastor Phil for being a lighthouse through your life, our thoughts & prayers to your family. Though we celebrate who you were and that you are now with our Lord you will be very missed. May Gods peace bring comfort to your family.###imported-begin##Jim & Carol Fawcett##imported-end##

January 10, 2014 at 06:24 PM



“ *Phil was a wonderful man. We are praying for the family.##imported-begin##John & Bev Geib##imported-end##*

January 10, 2014 at 05:04 PM