



Rev Martyn Campbell Thomas B.th

May 23, 1939 - July 31, 2015

THE REV MARTYN CAMPBELL THOMAS, BTh – absent from the body, present with the Lord on Friday, July 31. He leaves behind his wife Sandy, children Richard, Keith and Heather, 6 grandchildren, and brother Stephen in England.

Born in London, England – emigrated to Canada in 1958 at the age of 18

There are so many ways he could be described:

OCCUPATIONS: banker, cross-Canada wholesale bookseller, Pastor in Pictou County, Nova Scotia and Keswick, Ontario; District Director in the Canadian Bible Society for 30 years serving in Montreal, Ottawa, Southern Alberta; originator of Bike for Bibles in Canada; Great fund raiser – even rode the bob sled at Olympic Park in Calgary and did white water rafting to raise money for Bibles; pastor to seniors at Leduc Community Baptist Church for 8 years.

PERSONAL LIFE: loving husband, (51 years) great father and grandfather, good uncle and brother-in-law, soccer coach, artist, magician, golfer, reader, story teller to both children and adults, great sense of humour, seashell collector extraordinaire, joke teller, card and table top board games competitor (you had to keep an eye on him) and pray-er (he had a list of people he prayed for – family and friends even while in Extendicare and fighting his own

battles);

good speaker/preacher (although he never thought of himself as a preacher rather one who wanted to show that the Word of God is alive, relevant and practical).

TRAVEL: Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Holland, Greece, Germany, Egypt, Israel, Russia, Poland, Austria, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Bermuda, Mexico, every province in Canada and most of the 50 states....most of these countries were Bible Society trips.

Very organized, and like to do things 'the normal way'; willing to help anybody, liked things done immediately if not sooner!!!! Not a great delegator, 'easier to do it myself and do it right'

In front of his Bible he had written;

Philippians 2:16 "holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain"

And the words to this chorus:

"Cleanse me from my sin, Lord.

Put Thy power within, Lord.

Take me as I am, Lord

and use me for Thine own".

In lieu of flowers donations would be greatly appreciated and can be made to Canadian Bible Society, Bike for Bibles (Canadian Bible Society
10 Carnforth Rd Toronto, ON M4P 1N2 Email: bike4bibles@biblesociety.ca)

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 8. 1:00 PM (MT)

Leduc Community Baptist Church
3205 Coady Blvd.
Leduc, AB

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family: I am so sorry to hear of Rev. Thomas` passing. One of my fondest memories of St. Paul`s is his Christmas family service. It was excellently and very warmly conducted. He was a lovely person and will be missed, I know, by everyone who knew him.*

*Carolyn Lessard
(Ossie and Audrey`s daughter)*

Carolyn Lessard - August 11, 2015 at 07:38 PM

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Carolyn, thank you for writing - it was so nice to hear from you

Sandra Thomas - September 28, 2015 at 02:25 PM

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“ *To Sandy and family:*

I don't know Rev Thomas but I have heard about him and his passion for the Bible work. I ride for Bike for Bibles every year for the past 5 years and love being able to do this for others who are seeking hope through God's Word. I am but a small part of Rev Thomas' B4B legacy. May you be comforted with the thought that his life touched many lives - many of whom he had never met.

God bless you.

Edna Rabago

Edna - August 10, 2015 at 10:11 AM

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Edna, thank you for those encouraging words - Bike for Bibles was a great love of Martyn's and was instrumental in making a change in the way he prayed!

Sandra Thomas - September 23, 2015 at 08:00 AM

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To Sandy and family:

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend, Martyn. We were aware of his health challenges but his passing was still a shock for us. We have fond memories of our association through the years, his visits to the Newfoundland district and ours to Alberta. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We will be especially thinking of you on August 8 during his memorial service.

Gerry and Ruth Benson

St. John's Newfoundland

Gerry and Ruth Benson - August 07, 2015 at 05:03 PM

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Gerry and Ruth, thank you for your comments. The service which is now available on you tube or by typing in Martyn Thomas's funeral was a credit to his life and to the glory of God. His passing was a great shock to me also as we had a great day out together the day before, making plans with our grandson for lunch on Sunday!

Sandra Thomas - September 23, 2015 at 08:04 AM