

MEMORIALS

SAMUEL COLLINS PITTMAN

Samuel Collins Pittman was born on August 7, 1926 in Monett, Missouri. His parents were Samuel and Kate Pittman. He joined an older sister, Mary Katherine.

He received his A.B. degree in 1949 from Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, followed by a B.D. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California (*summa cum laude*) in 1953, and an M.A. from the Kennedy School of Missions of Hartford Theological Seminary in 1954. He later obtained his D.Min. degree from Fuller in 1971.

Samuel met Grace Danielson at Fuller Seminary in 1952, and they were married April 2, 1953, at North Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, with Grace's father, Alfred Danielson, officiating. Samuel and Grace were appointed as missionaries with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society in June, 1953, and served from 1956-1973 in Pakistan. During his final years in Pakistan, Samuel was the Principal of the Karachi Institute of Theology. The Pittmans had two daughters, Janet and Joann.

Beginning in 1973, Sam became Chairman of the Division of Bible and Ministries at Northwestern College in Roseville, Minnesota, a position he held until 1991. He continued to teach part-time until 1998.

Dr. Pittman served as interim pastor of several churches, including the Lake Phalen Community Church in Maplewood where he was also an elder.

Samuel passed into the presence of the Lord as he was getting ready for church on Sunday, January 21, 2001, when he suffered a heart attack. He lived 74 years, five months, and fourteen days. Samuel was interred at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Surviving Sam are his wife of 47 years, Grace; his daughter, Janet, and her husband, Jeff Wachter, of Rosemount, MN; his daughter Joann Pittman of Beijing, China; and three granddaughters, Kari, Heidi and Alissa Wachter of Rosemount.

Samuel had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1977.

LOYAL ROBERT RINGENBERG

Loyal Robert Ringenberg was born on February 3, 1904 to Peter and Anna Gerig Ringenberg at Leo, Indiana. When he was ten years old, his parents relocated as farmer-missionaries to North Dakota. Loyal taught in the public schools for four years before entering Fort Wayne Bible College and was graduated in 1928. He then went to Taylor University in Upland, Indiana, and received his A.B. degree in 1930. He founded the Missionary Church in Auburn, Indiana, then returned to Fort Wayne Bible College where he served as professor of Bible and Church History for fourteen years.

Loyal married Rhoda Roth in 1935. He also continued his education at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, the University Foundation in St. Augustine, Florida, where he earned the B.D. degree in 1949; and the Winona Lake School of Theology where he received his Th.M. degree in 1952.

Loyal served as Literary Editor for Higley Press in Butler, Indiana from 1948–1957. There he edited the Higley Sunday School Commentary and wrote *The Word of God in History* (Higley Press). From 1962–1971 Loyal served in Taiwan, primarily as professor and dean of Christ's College near Taipei. In the 1970s Loyal was an editor and writer for the Cicero Bible Press (Gibbs Publishing Company) near Chicago. He also wrote *Who is Jesus?*, a commentary on the Gospel of John, and *Who is a Christian?*, based on the First Epistle of John (Gibbs Publishing Company).

Loyal's wife, Rhoda, went home to be with the Lord in 1995. Loyal continued to work for the Lord right up until his death, never really retiring. He taught Bible studies and ministered in churches and nursing homes. Loyal passed from this life on May 17, 2001 at the age of 97 years, three months, and fourteen days. A memorial service was held at the Grabill Missionary Church. Loyal is buried next to his wife Rhoda in Leo, Indiana.

Loyal is survived by his three children: Lenore Chernenko and her husband, Walt, of Indianapolis; William and his wife, Rebecca, of Upland, Indiana; and Dorcas Stuckey and her husband, Phil, of Grabill, Indiana; nine grandchildren: Robin Chaddock and her husband, David, of Indianapolis; Susan Chernenko of Potomac Falls, Virginia; Matthew Ringenberg and his wife, Kacey, of Valpairso, Indiana; Mark Ringenberg and his wife, Kristine, of Clermont, Florida; Peter Ringenberg of Indianapolis; Melodie Smith and her husband, Tim, of Indianapolis; Kim Horn and her husband, Pat, of Grabill, Indiana; Doug Stuckey and his wife, Gina, of Alexandria, Indiana; and Scott Stuckey and his wife, Regan, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and eleven great-grandchildren: Madison and Grant Chaddock; Jourdan, Kaya and Abraham Ringenberg; Zachary Smith; Mitchell, Taylor and Christopher Horn; and Isaac and McKennah Stuckey.

Loyal loved reading, gardening, conducting Bible studies, traveling, and attending the annual ETS meeting. Loyal Ringenberg had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for forty-five years, from 1956 to 2001.