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Duane Richard Tellinghuisen

Duane Richard Tellinghuisen was born on March 17, 1926, in Willow Lake, South Dakota. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1951. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1954.

Mr. Tellinghuisen was licensed by the Classis of Holland in 1954 and ordained by the Classis of Illinois the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Baileyville, Illinois, from 1954 to 1957; Fellowship, Lombard, Illinois, from 1957 to 1965; and Buena Park, California, from 1965 to 1987.

Mr. Tellinghuisen died on January 14, 2019. He was 92 years old.

John Staal Jr.

John Staal Jr. was born on May 6, 1926, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1951. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1954.

Mr. Staal was licensed by the Classis of Holland in 1954 and ordained by the Classis of Minnesota the same year. He pastored the following congregations: First, Slayton, Minnesota, from 1954 to 1957; Otley, Iowa, from 1957 to 1964; Peace, St. Paul, Minnesota, from 1964 to 1967; Second, Marion, New York, from 1967 to 1968; Trinity, Sibley, Iowa, from 1968 to 1970; Immanuel, Belmond, Iowa, from 1970 to 1974; and Huron Valley, Rockwood, Michigan, from 1974 to 1978. He also served as a chaplain in hospitals in Detroit, Michigan, from 1978 to 1979, and Muskegon, Michigan, from 1980 to 1990.

Mr. Staal died on January 29, 2019, in Bradenton, Florida. He was 92 years old.

Warren Daniel Burgess

Warren Burgess was born on December 16, 1927, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1951. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1952.

Mr. Burgess was licensed by the Classis of Grand Rapids in 1952 and ordained by the Classis of Muskegon the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Forest Home, Muskegon, Michigan, from 1952 to 1957; Garfield Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 1961 to 1964; Haven, Hamilton, Michigan, from 1964 to 1971; Faith, Traverse City, Michigan, from 1971 to 1985; and Faith, Traverse City, Michigan, from 1985 to 1996. He also served as a classis missionary for the Classis of Illinois in Clinton, Iowa, from 1957 to 1961, president of the Regional Synod of the Great Lakes in 1982, and president of the General Synod in 1993.

Mr. Burgess died on February 19, 2019, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was 91 years old.

Rebekah Anne Pratt

Rebekah Anne Pratt was born on July 29, 1982, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She studied at Hope College, from which she graduated in 2004. Her theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which she graduated in 2008. She also earned an MSW from Michigan State University in 2008.

Ms. Pratt was licensed and ordained by the Classis of North Grand Rapids in 2009. She served as pastor of Stanton Reformed Church, Stanton, New Jersey, from 2009 to 2019.

Ms. Pratt died on February 19, 2019. She was 36 years old.

Bruce E. Penn

Bruce E. Penn was born on July 4, 1928, in Floral Park, New York. He began his undergraduate studies at Hofstra College and completed them at Central College, from which he graduated in 1951. His theological education was received at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1954. He earned an MA at Rutgers University in 1964.

Mr. Penn was licensed by the Classis of North Long Island in 1954 and ordained by the Classis of Albany the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Coeymans, New York, from 1954 to 1957; Rockaway, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, from 1957 to 1966; Bethany, Albany, New York, from 1966 to 1973; Walkkill, New York, from 1973 to 1991; and Wurtsboro, New York, from 1991 to 1992.

Mr. Penn died on March 9, 2019, in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He was 90 years old.

David William Jurgens

David William Jurgens was born on May 15, 1930, at Franklin County, Iowa. He studied at Central College, from which he graduated in 1952. His theological education was received at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1955.

Mr. Jurgens was licensed by the Classis of Pleasant Prairie in 1955 and ordained by the Classis of Rensselaer the same year. He pastored Second Reformed Church in Ghent, and Stuyvesant Falls, New York, from 1955 to 1961. He was then dismissed to the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Jurgens died on March 24, 2019, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was 88 years old.

Douglas Raymond van Gessel

Douglas Raymond van Gessel was born on June 29, 1930, in Paramount, California. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1952. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1956. He also earned a ThM from Northern Baptist Seminary in 1965 and studied at the University of California in 1990.

Mr. van Gessel was licensed by the Classis of California in 1956 and ordained by the Classis of Muskegon the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Atwood, Ellsworth, Michigan, from 1956 to 1962; First Chicago, Berwyn, Illinois, from 1962 to 1968; and Church on the Hill, Norco, California, from 1968 to 1991. He also served as an interim minister at Community, Tulare, California, from 1991 to 1994, and New Life Community, Artesia, California, from 1994 to 1998. He also served as a chaplain at Artesia Christian Home and as a pastor to pastors for the Board of Benefits Services (BOBS) from 2010 to 2019.

Mr. van Gessel died on June 29, 2019, in Artesia, California. He was 89 years old.

Melvin de Vries

Melvin de Vries was born on December 30, 1924, in Holland, Nebraska. He studied at Central College, from which he graduated in 1950. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1953.

Mr. de Vries was licensed by the Classis of West Central in 1953 and ordained by the Classis of Dakota the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Strasburg, North Dakota, from 1953 to 1956; Bismarck, North Dakota, from 1956 to 1960; Kent, Washington, from 1960 to 1974; San Dimas, California, from 1974 to 1985; Tinley Park, Illinois, from 1985 to 1991; and Riverside Community, Hammond, Indiana, from 1995 to 1997. He also served as the minister for evangelism at Thorn Creek, South Holland, Illinois, from 1991 to 1995, and at First, South Holland, Illinois in his retirement.

Mr. de Vries died on July 1, 2019, in South Holland, Illinois. He was 94 years old.

Gerald Robert Mahler

Gerald Robert Mahler was born on January 15, 1940, in Farmington, Michigan. He studied at Taylor University, from which he graduated in 1968. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1971.

Mr. Mahler was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Zeeland in 1971. He pastored the following congregations: First, Sioux Center, Iowa, from 1971 to 1974; Second, Grand Haven, Michigan, from 1974 to 1977; Zion, Grandville, Michigan, from 1977 to 1980; and Olivet, Muskegon, Michigan, from 1980 to 1994.

Mr. Mahler died on July 19, 2019, in Middleville, Michigan. He was 79 years old.

Eugene Henry Van Zee

Eugene Henry Van Zee was born on October 27, 1948, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He studied at Central College, from which he graduated in 1970. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1974.

Mr. Van Zee was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Pella in 1974. He pastored the following congregations: Community, Southgate, Michigan, from 1974 to 1979; Hemet Valley, California, from 1979 to 1990; and Faith Community, Hemet (San Jacinto), California, from 1996 to 2011.

Mr. Van Zee died on July 21, 2019, in Riverside, California. He was 70 years old.

Stanley Arthur Rock

Stanley Arthur Rock was born on April 22, 1937, in Pontiac, Michigan. He studied at the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in 1959. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1966. He also received an MA from the University of Michigan in 1960 and an EdD from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1975. He was a National Certified Counselor in the AAPC.

Mr. Rock was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Holland in 1966. He began his ministry as a director in the IVCF from 1966 to 1967 and then as an assistant secretary for translation in the American Bible Society from 1967 to 1968. He pastored the church in Blawenburg, New Jersey, from 1968 to 1970, and Collegiate Reformed Church in Des Moines, Iowa, from 1970 to 1976. Stanley served as a professor at Western Theological Seminary from 1976 to 2000.

Mr. Rock died on August 3, 2019, in Holland, Michigan. He was 82 years old.

Sharon Thoms Scholten

Sharon Thoms Scholten was born on August 10, 1933, in Morristown, New Jersey. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1954. His theological education was received at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1957.

Mr. Scholten was licensed by the Classis of Saratoga in 1957 and ordained by the Classis of Paramus the same year. He pastored the following congregations: First, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, from 1957 to 1959; New Prospect, Pine Bush, New York, from 1959 to 1960; Bradley Gardens, Somerville, New Jersey, from 1961 to 1965; and Keyport, New Jersey, from 1965 to 1984. Mr. Scholten was dismissed by the Classis of New Brunswick to the United Methodist Church in 1984.

Mr. Scholten died on August 11, 2019, in Albany, New York. He was 86 years old.

William H. deForest

William H. deForest was born on May 5, 1937, in Albany, New York. He studied at Central College, from which he graduated in 1959. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1962.

Mr. deForest was licensed by the Classis of Schenectady in 1962 and ordained by the Classis of Rochester the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Pultneyville, New York, from 1962 to 1969, and Lynnwood, Schenectady, New York, from 1969 to 2000. Mr. deForest also served as the vice president of the Particular Synod of Albany from 1975 to 1976 and as president from 1976 to 1977.

Mr. deForest died on August 14, 2019, in Duanesburg, New York. He was 82 years old.

Robert Eugene Spencer

Robert Eugene Spencer was born on August 2, 1931, in Rochester, New York. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1953. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1956. Mr. Spencer also earned an STM from Biblical Theological Seminary in New York, New York, in 1964.

Mr. Spencer was licensed by the Classis of Rochester in 1956 and ordained by the Classis of Saratoga the same year. He pastored the following congregations: North, Watervliet, New York, from 1956 to 1962; Jay Gould Memorial, Roxbury, New York, from 1963 to 1967; Calvary Community, Venice, Florida, from 1967 to 1972; Tucson, Arizona, from 1972 to 1977; and Trinity, Rochester, New York, from 1977 to 1990.

Mr. Spencer died on September 5, 2019, in Tucson, Arizona. He was 88 years old.

Donald Duryea Barnes

Donald Duryea Barnes was born on July 10, 1932, in Oradell, New Jersey. He studied at Bob Jones University, from which he graduated in 1954. His theological education began at Western Theological Seminary and was completed at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Seminary, from which he graduated in 1959. He also earned an STM at McCormick Theological Seminary in 1971.

Mr. Barnes was licensed by the Evangelical Free Church of America in 1960 and ordained by the Classis of Illiana in 1961. He pastored the following congregations: Evangelical, Concord, Massachusetts, from 1959 to 1961; Kankakee Faith, Kankakee, Illinois, from 1961 to 1966; Berdan Heights, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, from 1966 to 1969; Trinity, Grand Haven, Michigan, from 1969 to 1974; Trinity, Deerfield Beach, Florida, from 1974 to 1976; Tinley Park, Illinois, from 1978 to 1985; First, Sioux Center, Iowa, from 1985 to 1997; and Ebenezer, Morrison, Illinois, from 1997 to 2004. Mr. Barnes served in specialized ministry in Muskegon, Michigan, from 1976 to 1978.

Mr. Barnes died on October 2, 2019, in Morrison, Illinois. He was 87 years old.

Herbert Van Gaasbeek DuMont

Herbert Van Gaasbeek DuMont was born on April 2, 1923, in Schenectady, New York. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1945. His theological education was received at Westminster Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1948.

Mr. DuMont was licensed and ordained by the Orthodox Presbyterians in New England in 1948. He pastored the following congregations: Covenant Presbyterian, Portland, Maine, from 1948 to 1957; Second Parish Presbyterian, Portland, Maine, from 1957 to 1962; Bethel, Chicago,

Illinois, from 1962 to 1966; Trinity Community, Deerfield Beach, Florida, from 1977 to 1982; and Riverside Park Community, Hammond, Indiana, from 1982 to 1985. Mr. DuMont was the founder of the Douglass-Tubman Center in Chicago, Illinois, and served there from 1966 to 1973. He also served in urban ministry for the Particular Synod of Chicago from 1973 to 1977 and was minister for mission for the Particular Synod of Mid-America from 1985 to 1988.

Mr. DuMont died on October 13, 2019, in Hoover, Alabama. He was 96 years old.

Thomas W. Zylstra

Thomas W. Zylstra was born on November 7, 1925, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He began his undergraduate studies at Calvin College and finished them at Bob Jones University, from which he graduated in 1951. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1955.

Mr. Zylstra was licensed by the Classis of South Grand Rapids in 1955 and ordained by the Classis of West Sioux the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Doon, Iowa, from 1955 to 1957; Faith, Waterloo, Iowa, from 1957 to 1962; Christian Park, Indianapolis, Indiana, from 1962 to 1970; Aberdeen, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 1970 to 1978; Garden Grove Project, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from 1980 to 1985; and Letcher-Loomis United Church of Christ, from 1987 to 1992.

Mr. Zylstra died on November 16, 2019. He was 94 years old.

Theodore Muller

Theodore Muller was born on September 22, 1926, in North Bergen, New Jersey. He studied at Houghton College, from which he graduated in 1948. His theological education was received at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1951.

Mr. Muller was licensed by the Classis of Bergen in 1951 and ordained by the Classis of Raritan the same year. He pastored the following congregations: South Branch, New Jersey, from 1951 to 1958; Faith, Hazlet, New Jersey, from 1959 to 1977; Trinity, West New York, New Jersey, from 1977 to 1990; and Cuddebackville, New York, from 1990 to 1997.

Mr. Muller died on November 22, 2019 in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. He was 93 years old.

Richard L. Brihn

Richard L. Brihn was born on September 4, 1939, in Raritan, New Jersey. He studied at Rutgers University, from which he graduated in 1966. His theological education was received at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1969.

Mr. Brihn was licensed and ordained by the Classis of Raritan in 1969. He pastored the following congregations: High Falls, New York, from 1969 to 1977, and First, Cary, North Carolina, from 1978 to 1999. In retirement, he served as an interim pastor at Fair St., Kingston, New York, and as a contract pastor at Three Bridges, New Jersey.

Mr. Brihn died on November 24, 2019. He was 80 years old.

William Eugene Nelson

William Eugene Nelson was born on July 8, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. He studied at Bob Jones University, from which he graduated in 1950. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1956.

Mr. Nelson was licensed by the Classis of Chicago in 1956 and ordained by the Classis of North Grand Rapids the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Casnovia, Michigan, from 1956 to 1958; Gano, Chicago, Illinois, from 1958 to 1966; Hope, Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1966 to 1978; and Skylake Park, Orlando, Florida, from 1978 to 1981. He retired, but never gave up ministry, and worked another 20 years in computer management for AT&T.

Mr. Nelson died on November 25, 2019, in Orlando, Florida. He was 91 years old.

Wallace Robert Stoepker

Wallace Robert Stoepker was born on June 21, 1919, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He studied at Hope College, from which he graduated in 1943. His theological education was received at Western Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1946.

Mr. Stoepker was licensed by the Classis of Grand Rapids in 1946 and ordained by the Classis of Rochester the same year. He pastored the following congregations: Clymer Hill, Clymer, New York, from 1946 to 1949; Ferry Memorial, Montague, Michigan, from 1949 to 1955; Aberdeen, Grand Rapids, Michigan, from 1955 to 1964; Brooklyn, Cleveland, Ohio, from 1964 to 1970; Greenwood, Kalamazoo, Michigan, from 1970 to 1977; and Maranatha, Wainfleet, Ontario, from 1977 to 1987.

Mr. Stoepker died on December 13, 2019, in Holland, Michigan. He was 98 years old.