



John O Meloy

May 6, 1922 - February 6, 2017

The pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, Defiance, the Rev. John O. Meloy died February 6, 2017. He was born in New Brighton, PA on May 6, 1922, the oldest son of the Rev. John W. and Lena Ogden Meloy. His school years were in Bloomington, IN and Wichita, KS, then graduated from the College of Wooster, class of 1943. His Theological training was at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary and McCormick Seminary, Chicago. He married Janet Reid August 17, 1945, in Buffalo, NY.

John is survived by Lynn Meloy (Lyle) Cain, Cincinnati; Dr. John Reid (MJ) Meloy, and granddaughter Olivia, San Diego, CA; and Rachel Meloy (Tim) Hopple, Tiffin. His brothers, George and Robert, preceded him in death. He was a Presbyterian minister for 52 years serving churches in Lockport and Caledonia, NY, before coming to First Pres. Church, Defiance, in 1965. Retiring from the local pastorate in 1987, he was adjunct instructor at The Defiance College, a frequent summer pastor in N. Barnstead, NH, Moderator of Maumee Valley Presbytery, and Trustee of McCormick Theological Seminary. He had been commissioner to three national General Assemblies of the Pres. church and on numerous committees of the Synod (statewide) and Presbytery (NWO). In Defiance he had served as labor mediator, president of the Clergy Fellowship, Lions Club, and Council of Social Service Agencies. He had written occasional letters and articles for the Toledo Blade, the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette, and the Defiance Crescent-News, including a post-retirement series on a dozen local churches titled "Let's Go to Church". He had also

written a series for the national devotional magazine, "These Days". He and his wife were frequent summer residents at Chautauqua Institute (NY) where he had preached in the Presbyterian House on the grounds. After his wife, Jan's death in 2002, he moved to Ohio Living, Swan Creek in Toledo. He was married to Betty Kridler from 2003-08. Lois Grasser, also a resident at Swan Creek, has been his loving companion for the past 9 years. He was very active at Swan Creek, continuing with occasional guest preaching and also serving on a number of committees internally and in the community.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Ohio Living at Swan Creek on March 11, 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Toledo Symphony or Hospice of NW Ohio. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Swan Creek Retirement Village Chapel
5916 Cresthaven Ln
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I am from the First Presbyterian in Caledonia, NY and had Rev. Meloy for my pastor while growing up. He left right before I was getting married. I remember his loving ways and his leadership. Under his care, I grew up knowing the importance of Scripture and of following the Lord. Our sincere sympathy has been with the family during this year. May God be with you in special ways during this Christmas season. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marilyn Henry - December 01, 2017 at 11:48 PM

AR

“ Rev. Meloy was a mainstay in the Defiance Lions Club. He was greatly respected for his straight forward thinking and diplomacy with a smile. A great Lion. May he rest in Peace. Arnold Ruhe-Defiance Lions Club Member

Arnold Ruhe - February 10, 2017 at 07:48 AM

ES

“ Pastor John Meloy was a true leader not only for Presyerians but for all Christians in Defiance where I knew him and was blessed to have time with him.
May he and Jan now be sharing the beatific vision in Christ
Fr Ed Schleter

Edward JI Schleter - February 09, 2017 at 10:25 PM



Rachel
Hopple

Thank you, Fr. Schleter!

Rachel Hopple - February 10, 2017 at 07:35 PM



I will always fondly remember Rev. Meloy, Rachel, and the Meloy family. He was pastor throughout my growing-up years at First Presbyterian, Defiance, and he performed our wedding service in 1980. Sympathies to all.

Vicki (Hill) Welling

Victoria Welling - March 06, 2017 at 04:37 PM

“ I was a member of his church in Defiance, Ohio and my parents were very active members of his congregation, they were Howard and Dotty Aldrich. I admire his folksy attitude toward everyone and he treated all as equals. He was a very learned and scholarly man as well. He was sorely missed when he left our church. My 5 brothers; Chip, Chuck, Chris, Craig and Curt, and my sister Carol, were also very active in the church. Go in peace and Happy Trails to you.

Cheryl Aldrich McConnell - February 09, 2017 at 06:08 PM



Hugs to you, Cheryl! Thank you for posting here. Miss him alot already!

Rachel Hopple - February 10, 2017 at 07:36 PM

“ I am saddened by the death of our past president of Torch Club of Toledo, John Meloy. You have our sincere sympathy. He was a true leader in Torch and served as an example to all of us. His work with Torch and the prayer invocations he provided will be long remembered. I will miss you. My condolences to John's family and Lois. Sincerely, John Kolbeck

John Kolbeck - February 09, 2017 at 05:48 PM

LD

“ Rachel,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Your deep water fitness friends!

Louise Ducsay - February 09, 2017 at 04:00 PM



Rachel
Hopple

Thank you, friends! I miss you every day, but I'll be back in a few weeks...love to all of you!

Rachel Hopple - February 10, 2017 at 07:37 PM

DK

“ *The several years that I have been in The Toledo Torch Club, I have known John and enjoyed his company at our monthly meetings! Most of those meetings, He and Lois and I have eaten at the same table and I always looked forward to my time with John & Lois. My deepest sympathy to John's family and especially to Lois - his dear friend! May God hold all of you in the palm of His hand and bring you the peace that only He can provide! (I am hoping that I learn of the date of his memorial service and that it is at a time that I can come and pay my respects!) Dr. Randall Kreager*

Dr. Randall Kreager - February 09, 2017 at 10:27 AM



Rachel
Hopple

Dr. Kreager...Mar. 11 @ 11:00 AM in the chapel at Swan Creek

Rachel Hopple - February 10, 2017 at 07:38 PM

SA

“ *Rachael and Tim and Family,
So sorry for your loss. I know this man was
deeply loved by everyone that knew him. I am
praying and thinking of everyone at this time.*
Sandy Anderson



Sandra Anderson - February 09, 2017 at 07:05 AM



Thank you, friend! :-)

Rachel Hopple - February 10, 2017 at 07:38 PM