



## Rev. Timothy Wright Held

July 18, 1935 - April 19, 2013

Beloved father, grandfather and brother. Age 77, of Roseville, MN, died peacefully on April 19, 2013 at his home. Tim was born on July 18, 1935 in Towson, Maryland, the first of ten children, to his parents Charles William and Harriett Virginia Wright Held. He and his late wife Lucretia raised two sons, Timothy Trevor Held of White Bear Lake, MN and John Andrew Held of Cold Spring, MN. Tim earned bachelors degrees from Wheaton College, Illinois in 1957 and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1960, and a Masters of Divinity degree from University of Pennsylvania in 1969. In 1960 Tim began his 50 years of ordained ministry at Bald Eagle and Nittany Presbyterian Church of Mill Hall and Memorial Presbyterian Church of Beech Creek, Pennsylvania. From 1964-1970 He was Assistant and later Associate Pastor and Minister of Christian Education of First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville, New Jersey. He was Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Sunbury, Pennsylvania from 1970-1979. The Helds moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in 1979 where Tim served as Regional Director for International Students, Inc. (ISI) for 11 years. He then served for three years as Director of International Student Ministry for Bethany Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota, followed by a 5-year call in Guelph, Ontario as Regional Director of ISI - Canada. Tim and Lucretia returned to Minnesota in 1998, where Tim's final pulpit assignment was Pastor of the former Warrendale Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, MN. For 48 years Tim's faithful wife and partner Lucretia served the people in the five churches of which Tim was a pastor as well as hundreds of international students with

whom they met in missionary service with ISI, and Bethany. Tim retired in 2010 and lovingly cared for Lucretia prior to her death in 2011. "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Romans 10:14-15 ESV). Sharing this "good news" of forgiven sin by the blood of the resurrected Jesus was Tim's life's passion. He loved God's Holy Word, never bending it to serve his own will. Tim loved people, loved cultures, loved his family, and prayed without ceasing. He did not waste one day! Tim was preceded in death by his wife Lucretia, parents Charles and Harriett Held, and brother, Herbert. He is survived by sons Timothy (Gretchen) and John (Kristie) and grandchildren T. Peter (fiancée Renée), Keisha, Joseph (Katelin), Jacob, Caroline and Nicholas, as well as siblings Sarah Adams, Virginia (John) Kahnert, C. Daniel, James (Barbara), Jonathan (Elaine), Stephen (Jestina), John Thomas (Susan), and Joseph (Patti). Visitation Tuesday (April 23, 2013) from 4-8 PM at the HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Funeral service Wednesday (April 24, 2013) at 11:00 a.m. (visitation beginning at 10:00 AM) at First Evangelical Free Church, 2696 Hazelwood Street, Maplewood, MN 55109. Interment Roselawn Cemetery. Memorials preferred to: The ministry of Frank Hutton at ISI: <http://www.isionline.org/Donate/FrankHutton.aspx> or: International Students Inc. PO Box C Colorado Springs CO 80901-3000 With a note that is for account: hutton-5392 The ministry of James and Lindsey Morgan at Pioneers: [https://webapps.pioneers.org/DP/Give/GiftInformation?gifttype=eft&utm\\_source=Morgan Weekly Updates&utm\\_campaign=fa7058710a-Update\\_1301111\\_11\\_2013&utm\\_medium=email](https://webapps.pioneers.org/DP/Give/GiftInformation?gifttype=eft&utm_source=Morgan+Weekly+Updates&utm_campaign=fa7058710a-Update_1301111_11_2013&utm_medium=email) or: Pioneers 10123 William Carey Drive Orlando, FL 32832-6931 With a note that it is for account: 111641 Morgan, James and Lindsey



# Tribute Wall

DG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing, though our first thought when we heard of his passing was a happy one, since he's now with the Lord whom he loved and served so faithfully, and with his beloved wife.

We joined the ISI staff in 1984, and your dad was my supervisor. He was always so kind, and sought to shepherd me on phone calls. Though we left ISI in 1990, we had kept in touch with letters, and he was kind enough to send us support with our new ministry with Action Int'l. We will miss him, but will enjoy seeing him again.

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**Dave and Maureen Greiner** - April 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sorry we can not make to the service today, but our hearts are with you.

Love

Joe and Joan

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**Joe Tian and Joan Chao** - April 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ John, Kristie & Family, we are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Sending love and prayers to you all.

Sean, Jill & Girls

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**Sean & Jill Scarbrough** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ We never formally adopted the mentor label, but in many ways that's what Tim has been to me. The integrity he and Lucretia lived in their walk with the Lord and His Word is a priceless treasure and great gift. I've had few teachers show me more of what it means to "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength; and...love thy neighbor as thyself."

*May the Lord comfort you.*

*Carl Grosse*

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**Carl Grosse** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My brother, your dad, became absent from the body but immediately in the presents of the Lord. I know God said "welcome my good and faithful servant". Your dad's crown in glory is full. We are so blessed to have the assurance of life with Jesus after this life passes away.*

*There has been many lives touched by your dad's work; and, that is seed planted that will continue after his departure.*

*Know that Sue and I would love to be with you to give you that hug of assurance I know your father and your heavenly Father would want you to have. If you need me in the days ahead just call or email I am here and I know the direct line to God-PRAYER.*

*God I ask that you give this family the peace which surpasses all understanding and the grace to get through the days ahead. May they be light and seed planters as the previous generation and accomplish all things that God would have them to accomplish. I pray that you give them insight into the lives of others that they can be servants like their parents.*

*I speak blessings and love upon them in Jesus precious name. Amen .*

*Family you have the answer the greatest strength of all God. Contact me if you need me.*

*Love John Thoms*

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**John T. Held** - April 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Ken and Sharon Holmgren has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

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**Ken and Sharon Holmgren** - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ To Rev Held's family we give you our sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Betty and Guy

Guy and Betty Shoultz - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Tim Held was a dear saint of God that encouraged many people. His love for the Word of God people was such a blessing. We will miss him dearly, yet know that He is with His Savior and his dear Lucretia, seeing what he has been believing: FINALLY HOME.

Ken and Sharon Holmgren - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Rev. Tim Held was the "follow up" mentor for me and others who attended the InterVarsity Christian missions conference at Urbana in 1979. Our meeting was particularly influential in my life because I immediately volunteered as a grad student with Tim and Lucretia in their ministry to internationals...later joining them as a team colleague. Although their final official ministry was at Warrendale they both continued to pray faithfully for my family and the international students we all knew. Tim always had a Bible verse to share and a word of encouragement. I loved the twinkle in his eye, his wry grin, and his enduring faithful example of humble ministry of God's grace in word and deed. That example will continue to encourage me as I work with refugees, immigrants, and international students into the future. I look forward to joining Tim and Lucretia in our eternal family reunion.

Linda Leonard - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Rev. Tim truly loved people of all nationalities and cultures.

*Rev. Tim was one-of-a-kind friend to me; very caring, loving, and a patient listener.*

*Even though Rev. Tim has passed on, he left a legacy in me that lives on.*

*Teiko*

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**Teiko Codjoe** - April 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Tim and I were roommates at Wheaton College. Our birthdays are one day apart. Tim was an usher in our wedding and always called on our anniversary and on my birthday. Tim was a man of great personal discipline and deep faith. As a college student he daily memorized Scripture from 5:30-6:00 pm in a small private room in the college library. As a professor of biblical studies for the past fifty years, many of these same Scriptures were often part of our conversations. Our sympathy to all the family. But we shall meet again in the resurrection. Marv and Polly Wilson*

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**Marv and Polly Wilson** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Next to my beloved husband, Tim holds the place as the most influential spiritual influence in my life. He faithfully prayed for my "flock" by name. Even as I ordered my day this morning his influence was present. Planning my day out not to waste a minute. His visits face to face and by phone will be missed yet his devotion and example will be passed on. Martha Wanous*

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**Martha Wanous** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *I am praying for each of you.  
Pastor Tim was my pastor at Warrendale. He helped me in so many ways.*

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**Linda Halvorson** - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *We are very sad to lose Tim, a great teacher and friend. He and Mom Lucretia will always be missed. Our love thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.*

*With deepest sympathies,  
Keke, Ming, Angela, and Jeffrey*

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**Keke Hu** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our loving thoughts are with all of you,  
Joe and Patti*

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**Joe and Patti Held** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I met Rev. Tim Held and Lucretia and their very young kids, 44 years ago when I was a foreign student at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Once or twice a month, Tim would drive from Sunbury to Lewisburg to pick me up, take me to their home for fellowship and supper, then drive me back to Bucknell University.

It was a blessing for me to have met them as I was alone, as a student having left my parents half way around the Globe.

I spoke to Tim as recently as two months ago via telephone from Miami Springs. He sounded content and relaxed with his medical condition. He was missing Lucretia but was happy that she was with the Lord. Now they are joined together once again.

May God Bless all of you in this time of passing of Tim to our Lord!

Sincerely Yours,

Captain & Mrs. Nihal Perera

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Captain Nihal & Mrs. Ginnette Perera - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM