Frederick Gebhart Gotwald II

May 4, 1922 - June 21, 2012

Frederick Gebhart Gotwald II, 90, of Salisbury passed away Thursday June 21, 2012 at Clare Bridge Assisted Living in Monroe.

He was born May 4, 1922 in Kodiakanal, India to the late Ethel Grace Bare and Luther Alexander Gotwald II. Frederick grew up the first 15 years of his life in India the son of a Lutheran Missionary. He was home schooled and went onto graduate in the states at Gettysburg High School, College and Seminary 1946.

Frederick became a Lutheran minister and served at Our Savior Lutheran in Croton-on-Hudson, NY for 22 years, then served Upper New York Synod assistant to the Bishop in Syracuse, NY for 12 years, St. John's Lutheran Church associate pastor, Salisbury, and permanent interim pastor for Lebanon Lutheran in Lexington.

He was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Leila Miller Gotwald, 2001 and son Frederick Kimball Gotwald, 1968.

Those left to cherish his memory two sons Paul Michael Gotwald and wife Linda of Monroe, Luther Alexander Gotwald IV of Denver, CO, a daughter Victoria Anne Gotwald Rufty and husband Oscho of Salisbury, one brother Luther A. Gotwald III of Johnstown, PA, two sisters Ethel Foor of Selinsgrove,

PA, Susan Lose of Myerstown, PA, and seven Grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday (June 27) at St. John's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. David Nelson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Helping Ministries 226 N. Long St. Salisbury, NC 28144.

Summersett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

Vicki, Oscho, & family,
My condolences at the death of Pastor Fred. My class was his last confirmation class before he retired. May God comfort you in your time of grief.

Tony Lippard##imported-begin##Tony Lippard##imported-end##

June 26, 2012 at 07:45 PM

I have such tremendous memories of Pastor Gotwald and found him one of the most generously loving persons I've ever met. It has been so long since I've seen him, yet I can hardly go to a Rufty reunion without thinking of him.

Now he can eat with the best and be reunited with his loved ones who proceeded him.

Blessings to you all as you grieve your loss of this dearly beloved man.

Lovingly,##imported-begin##Raye Rufty Ratliff##imported-end##

June 26, 2012 at 04:35 PM

Dear Vicki and Oscho and Gotwald Family,

I remember Fred and his sense of humor. He was always an interesting man to be around. May you always remember him in heartfelt ways.

I pray for you and your family at this time of loss and wish you comfort in your sadness.

Fondly,
Vernon##imported-begin##Vernon Davis##imported-end##

June 25, 2012 at 11:19 AM

We were saddened to hear of the death of Fred. He mentored me as a town and country parish pastor after I was ordained and called to the Upper New York Synod. We shared a number of delightful trips to Gettysburg Seminary for continuing education events. I was honored to be called to be his successor on the Synod Staff in 1983. I remember him fondly.

May the good news of Christ's victory over death and the grave offer comfort and strength in these days.
--John and Kathy Pearson##imported-begin##Pastor John & Kathy Pearson##imported-end##

June 24, 2012 at 12:39 PM