

Memorial Service, 2023 - 2024 – Led by Ruthie Nygren Keller

Remembering those in our Pakistan Fellowship who dedicated part of their life to Pakistan and passed away in 2023 and 2024 (and a few we missed in the GVR Memorial Service).

- ❑ Heinrich Becht, 1933 – 2024
- ❑ John Brockman, 1945 – 2022
- ❑ Paul Egan, 1936 - 2024
- ❑ Tim Feldmann, 1954 – 2024
- ❑ Samira (nee Frauchiger), 1988 – 2024
- ❑ Alison Hunter, 1943 – 2024
- ❑ Phyllis Irwin, 1928 – 2024
- ❑ Janice Kersgaard, 1945 – 2024
- ❑ Carol Larson, 1942 – 2023
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- ❑ Linda Mitchell, 1953 – 2023
- ❑ Jeff Moore, 1954 – 2024
- ❑ Ian Murray, 1935 – 2024
- ❑ Esther Print, 1944 – 2024
- ❑ Graham Print, 1937 – 2023
- ❑ Marit Rasmussen, 1944 – 2022
- ❑ Fred Stock, 1929 – 2024
- ❑ Keith Talkington, 1946 - 2024
- ❑ Barbara Wilson, 1949 – 2022

Heinrich Becht, 1933 - 2024

- ❑ Born in Hungary toward the end of WWII. His family fled to Germany.
- ❑ While learning to be a carpenter, his longing to reach Muslims increased. He attended Bible school and learned English and went by ship to Pakistan in 1957.
- ❑ Four years later he married Renate in Germany. They had five children (all attended MCS).
- ❑ In Pakistan, Heinrich headed up a publishing house and translated Christian literature into Urdu.
- ❑ In 2001, he and Renate returned to Germany. He continued preaching and counseling until he died of colon cancer.
- ❑ In the mornings, Heinrich was often found in the kitchen bowed over his Bible.





John Brockman, 1945 – 2022

- ❑ John and Heather arrived in Pakistan in 1984. They lived first in Gujranwala, where John expected to teach building skills at CTTC (Christian Technical Training Centre).
- ❑ A change of plans took the Brockmans to MCS, where they were house parents for the Senior High boys at Sandes Home as well as boarding administrators. Their children Roy and Lee attended MCS.
- ❑ They left Pakistan in 1993.
- ❑ John had a great sense of humor and was known for his warmth and caring personality.
- ❑ He is survived by his wife of 63 years and his sons, Roy and Lee, as well as four grandchildren.

Paul Egan, 1936 - 2024

- ❑ Paul and Joan Egan worked in Hyderabad under CMS (Church Mission Society).





Tim Feldmann, 1954 – 2024

- ❑ Born in 1954, Tim spent many of his growing-up years at Bach Christian Hospital in Qalandarabad and at MCS. He was the son of John and Dr. Bev Feldmann.
- ❑ He attended boarding school for grades 1-2 and 8-12. He graduated in 1972.
- ❑ As an adult, he worked in construction and was well-liked by his customers.
- ❑ He created a machine for an elderly Indian neighbor (who had bad arthritis) that rolled out chapatis using a record turntable!
- ❑ Tim is survived by his wife, Maryann, son Jonathan and three sisters—Ruth, Ginny and Marty—as well as nieces and nephews.

Samira (nee Frauchiger), 1988 – 2024

- ❑ Daughter of Markus and Theres Frauchiger.
- ❑ She died of cancer.

Alison Hunter, 1943 – 2024

- ❑ Alison and Jim Hunter served as house parents at MCS from 1967 to 1971.
- ❑ They have three daughters: Alison, Judith and Ruth.
- ❑ Alison faithfully followed Christ all of her life.
- ❑ She is survived by her husband, Jim, and their children.



Phyllis Irwin, 1928 – 2024

- ❑ Born in Indiana, Phyllis grew up with older brothers who taught her to ice skate, dive off bridges and ride a bike.
- ❑ She accepted Christ in high school. At Asbury College she felt called to medical missions.
- ❑ She met Russ while in medical school at Indiana University. They married in 1952.
- ❑ In 1956 they sailed to Pakistan under TEAM with baby Patty in tow. They worked at Bach Christian Hospital for 35 years. Phyllis brought many mks into the world while at Bach.
- ❑ Then they lived in Lahore for four years.
- ❑ They retired to the US in 1995. Phyllis led Bible studies and often returned with Russ to Pakistan.
- ❑ In 2006 she was inducted into the unique Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.
- ❑ She is survived by her three children (Patty, Nate and Cindy, who attended MCS) plus 6 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



Janice Kersgaard, 1945 – 2024

- ❑ Born in Oregon, Janice grew up on the family farm.
- ❑ Janice felt called to be a medical missionary at age 13, inspired by a missionary from New Guinea and her mother's cousin who served in India.
- ❑ She attended a nursing program in Portland and midwifery school in Kentucky.
- ❑ In 1977, Janice went with World Mission Prayer League to the Christian hospital in Tank. There she did village clinics, pre- and post-natal care, taught nursing classes, helped wounded Afghan freedom fighters and delivered hundreds of babies.
- ❑ After retiring in 2009, Janice worked as an RN in a nursing home and taught CNA classes in Oregon. She survived a stroke in 2011 and continued to travel to rarely-seen places in Gilgit and beyond.
- ❑ She was a faithful Christian and a good friend to many.



Carol Larson, 1942 – 2023

- ❑ Born in Prince George, British Columbia, to homesteaders, Carol grew up caring for farm animals. Their family attended church regularly.
- ❑ She met her husband, Warren, at Prairie Bible Institute in Alberta. They married in 1966, trained for missionary work in New Jersey and departed for Dera Ghazi Khan in 1968. Carol experienced severe culture shock, but she learned to love Pakistan.
- ❑ In 1990 Warren was falsely accused of spying on Pakistan's nuclear facilities and threatened with prison, so they moved to the US. Warren taught Muslim-Christian Relations classes at Columbia International University, and Carol worked in admin.
- ❑ Carol is survived by her husband, two sons (Wade and Scott who attended MCS) and six grandchildren.





Don McCurry, 1927 – 2024

- ❑ Don was born in Ohio and grew up in Washington D.C. He graduated from the University of Maryland.
- ❑ In 1951 he became a believer and felt called to be a minister. He received an M.Div. from Pittsburgh Xenia Presbyterian Seminary.
- ❑ He and Mary Jo went to Pakistan in 1957. They ministered in Lyallpur, Jhelum and Lahore (Foreman College).
- ❑ While in Pakistan, they had six children: Jo Ann, David, Mary Beth, Stephen, Ruthie and John (all students at MCS.) They now have 12 grand- and 26 great-grandchildren.
- ❑ Don founded the Zwemer Institute in Pasadena, CA, and Ministries to Muslims in Colorado Springs, CO.
- ❑ Over his life, Don traveled to some 70 countries, equipping churches and missionaries to reach Muslims with the love of Christ. He continued to teach via Zoom up until the last few months of his life.



Linda Mitchell, 1953 – 2023

- ❑ Before moving to Pakistan, Linda worked in Malaysia and Bangladesh.
- ❑ From 1989 – 1999 she lived in Karachi and was an English literature teacher and guidance counselor.
- ❑ Next, she taught high school in Bahrain and Jordan.
- ❑ She developed deep friendships everywhere she worked and lived.
- ❑ Linda had a strong faith and lived a full life with friends all over the world.

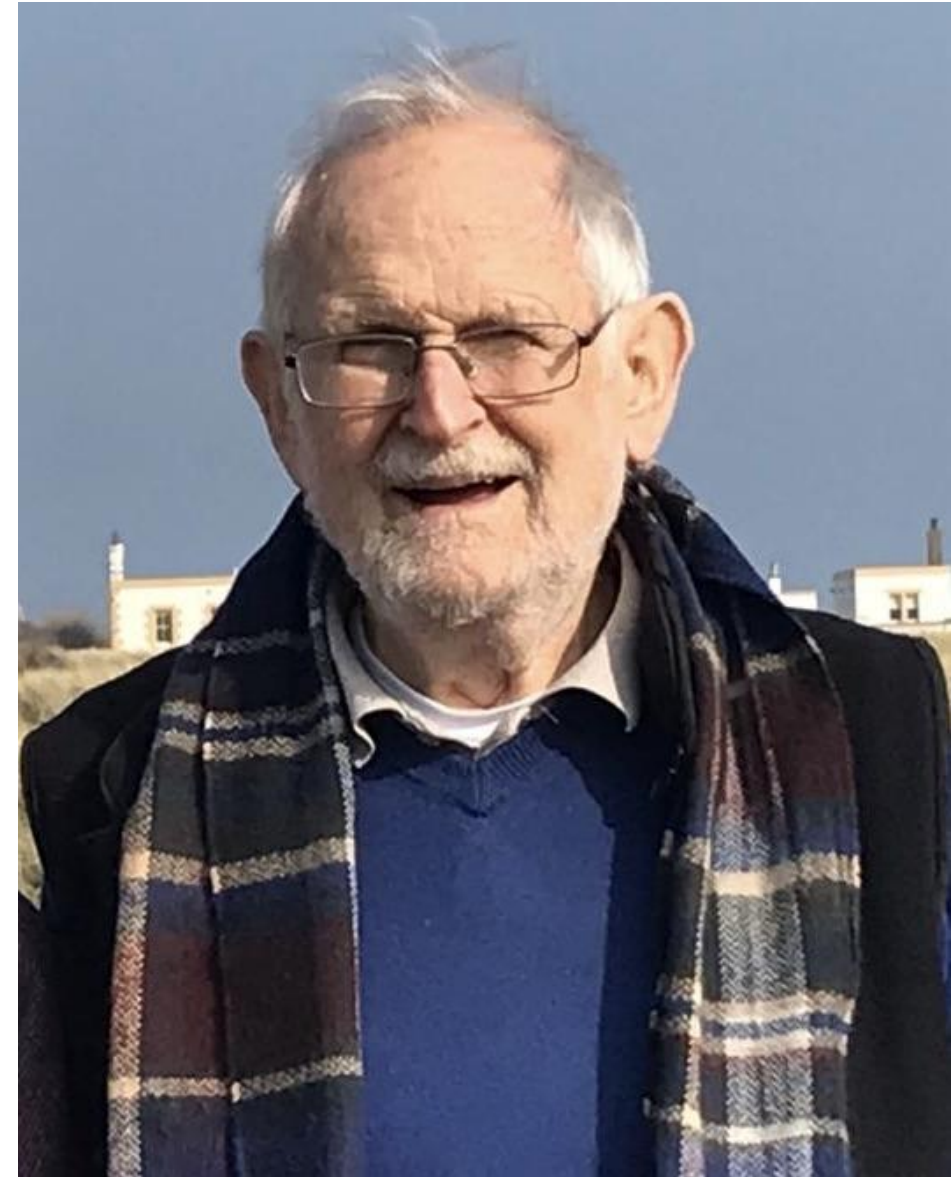


Jeff Moore, 1954 – 2024

- ❑ Born in Burlington, Wisconsin, Jeff attended the University of Wisconsin, studying molecular biology and then went to medical school.
- ❑ After marrying Carla in 1979, and a year of seminary in Illinois, Jeff and his family moved to Pakistan to serve under TEAM as medical missionaries working in public health (1986 – 1988). Their oldest son was homeschooled at Bach by Rosalee Stent!
- ❑ In 1988 the Moores returned to Wisconsin and Jeff worked at a family clinic until retirement in 2018. He was a medical advisor for the Lincoln County Health Dept.
- ❑ Jeff had many hobbies: bird watching, playing the trombone in a marching band and city band, hiking, and canoeing.
- ❑ Jeff had a very deep relationship with God. He is survived by his wife and three sons—Fredrick, Daniel and Bradley—and 11 grandchildren and many other family members.

Ian Murray, 1935 – 2024

- ❑ Ian was born in Glasgow. At age 14, the family relocated to Edinburgh. Here Ian became involved with Scripture Union.
- ❑ After earning a civil engineering degree, he worked for British Rail in Glasgow. During this time, he bought his first kilt – Ian was famous for Scottish dancing in his kilt!
- ❑ Ian completed his national service and joined the Royal Engineering Corp.
- ❑ He married Isabel in 1960.
- ❑ Accepted by the Church of Scotland for foreign missionary work, both Ian and Isabel got their teaching certificates. They went by ship to Pakistan in 1962.
- ❑ They worked at MCS and raised their children there: Karen, Gavin and Malcolm. Ian taught high school chemistry, physics, and photography and coached soccer and hockey.
- ❑ In 2000 the Murrays retired to Edinburgh. Ian stayed involved at their church and with Scripture Union. He rode his bicycle late into his life and still owned the mighty Morris.





Esther Print, 1944 – 2024

- ❑ Born in Michigan, Esther went to Pakistan in 1973 and worked as a nurse at Bach Christian Hospital in Qalandarabad.
- ❑ She met Graham Print in Pakistan, and they married in 1977.
- ❑ In 1978 they moved to New Zealand, where they raised three children. Esther homeschooled. They lost their daughter, Dayna, unexpectedly in 1997. She was only 19. Her death marked them all indelibly, producing a deep dependence on the Lord.
- ❑ They then volunteered at Capernwray Bible School, working in the kitchen and interacting with students. They opened their home and hearts to many students.
- ❑ Esther is survived by her two sons, Ryan and Deryk, and their families, including seven grandchildren.



Graham Print, 1937 – 2023

- ❑ Graham grew up in New Zealand, and as a young man he milked cows at a dairy, worked as a carpenter, served in the infantry and worked in a VW plant assembling cars.
- ❑ After accepting Christ through his friend Dave, he went to Pakistan with New Zealand Red Sea Mission. There he met Esther Fisher who was a TEAM nurse at Bach Christian Hospital.
- ❑ They married in 1977. After returning to New Zealand they raised three children.
- ❑ He is remembered for his incredible devotion to his wife and an unwavering faith in Jesus Christ.
- ❑ He died just a few months before his wife joined him in eternity.



Marit Rasmussen, 1944 – 2022

- ☐ Marit was born in Norway.
- ☐ She worked in Pakistan under the Full Gospel Assembly.
- ☐ She was living in Sande, Vestfold when she passed away.



Fred Stock, 1929 – 2024

- ❑ Fred was born in San Diego, CA. At 15, he almost died from a rattlesnake bite. This experience motivated him to attend church. In 1946, while at San Diego State College, Fred accepted Christ.
- ❑ Fred transferred to UC Berkeley and studied chemical engineering.
- ❑ While at Biblical Seminary in New York City, he met Margie. They were married in 1955 and left for Pakistan in 1956.
- ❑ They served in the Sindh province and finally Rahim yar Khan for 53 years. All of the Stock children attended MCS.
- ❑ After a stint at Westminster Gardens Retirement Home in Duarte, CA, they moved to Albania to live with family (Stoschers).
- ❑ Survived by Margie (68 years of marriage), 3 children (2 have passed on), 29 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Keith Talkington, 1946 - 2024

- ❑ Born in Peoria, Illinois.
- ❑ He married Blanche in Chicago in 1967. (She passed away in August 2023.)
- ❑ A credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God.
- ❑ He and Blanche served as missionaries in Japan for 20 years.
- ❑ Sensing the Lord was leading them to another place, they heard about the need for a pastor at the Protestant International Church in Islamabad. They arrived shortly after the church was bombed in 2002. They helped minister and bring the church back to wholeness.
- ❑ Keith loved reading the Bible daily and partnering with Blanche in ministry. Many knew and loved him as Pastor Keith.
- ❑ Survived by three children and three grandchildren.



Barbara Wilson, 1949 – 2022

- ❑ In 1982, Mike and Barbara Wilson went to Pakistan with their two daughters.
- ❑ They worked in Sahiwal. As a pastor/theologian, Mike worked alongside the ARP (Associated Reformed Presbyterian) churches, training pastors.
- ❑ Barbara home-schooled her kids (two more were born in Pakistan). She was a big encouragement to other home-schooling mothers and to the whole Sahiwal community.
- ❑ After their time in Pakistan, they returned to Sydney, Australia, where Barbara continued a teaching career.



Memorial

Prayer in Memory & Celebration of these lives – Irv Nygren

Eternal, caring God,

*As we remember and share the lives of many dear friends and colleagues.
Some of them have family members with us today.*

You have blessed us and Pakistan through them, and we are grateful.

*As we now face our futures, may the faithful obedience of those departed,
enhance our joy and faithfulness in our service of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

In that Name above all names, we pray.

Amen

