

REV. BYRON CHAPMAN

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Rev. Byron Chapman, age 77 of Sun City, Ariz., former pastor at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon, passed away Monday, Sept. 4 at Boswell Hospital.

He was born in Mercer Co., Celina, Ohio and served as a minister, teacher and writer. He received his education at Manchester College and the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Illinois. Rev. Chapman moved to Arizona in 1984 from Urbana, Ohio.

He was a member of Willowbrook United Methodist Church. He had pastored for 30 years in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, now called the United Methodist Church in South Bend, Ind., Sacramento and Porterville, Calif., Detroit and Urbana, Ohio. He is the primary author and creator of a widely-used literacy program for adults called the Mott Basic Language Skills Program, work which was funded for seven years by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint.

He had served as pastor at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon during the years 1959 to 1963.

Rev. Chapman is survived by his wife, Dorothy M. Sun City; one son, Dallas B. of Aurora, Colo.; one daughter, Miriam D. Chapman of Warrenville, Ill.; two grandchildren and stepsisters Billy Wahlfeldt and Betty Switzer of Danville, Ill.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Sunland Lakeside Chapel, 15826 Del Webb Blvd.

Memorials may be considered to the Sunnyslope Mennonite Church Restoration Fund (for the homeless), 9835 N. 7th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85020 or to St. Mary's Food Bank, 213 So. 11th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85007.