

RAYMOND J. BYLER

1914-1993

Raymond J. Byler, 78 and formerly of Pigeon, died of cancer at his home in Williamsport, PA., on March 24.

He was born Dec. 5, 1914, in Pigeon, son of the late Jesse and Agnes Byler. He was united in marriage to Fannie Miller of Kalona, Iowa on Aug. 25, 1946.

Mr. Byler was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1940, serving the Pigeon River and Fair Haven Mennonite Churches until moving to Blountstown, FL in 1953. There, he was pastor of Bethel Mennonite Church for 20 years. In 1973 he moved with his family to Jackson, MS., serving as pastor of Open Door Mennonite Church until his retirement in 1983.

Surviving him are his wife, Fannie of Williamsport; five sons, James of Stow, MA.; John Ivan of Greenwood, DE.; Philip of Williamsport; David of St. Mary's, W. VA.; Jonathan of Kalinoni, Kenya, EA; two daughters, Rhoda (Warren) Yoder and Joanna, both of Jackson, MS.; 20 grandchildren and eight sisters.

One son, Marcus, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted at the Agapa Fellowship of the Mennonite Church, Williamsport, PA., on March 30.