

W. FAY BUTLER

BUTLER, W. FAY (T. 24; F. 26) Central Ill., 24 Bradley; So. Cal. 25 Chandler, Ariz.; 29 L. A. Woodcrest; 33 Van Nuys; 38 L. A. St. Marks; So. Cal.-Ariz. 39 L. A. St. Marks; 43 Chaplain U.S. Army; 45 (Dec.) Pasadena, Hartzell Memorial; 51 L. A. Highland Park; 60 Inglewood, First, Min. of Parish; 67 R'd (1617.2) Pac. & S.W. 77 R'd (1617.2). Died August 27, 1977.

William Fay Butler was born October 29, 1895 in Le Grand, Iowa. He early developed the characteristics which we remember today: love of family and friends, sense of humor, helpfulness, dependability, sincerity, eagerness to learn, ability to schedule time.

The family moved to St. Paul, Mn., where he attended Hamline University. W.W. I intervened. Volunteering, he served with the Navy Medical Corps in Newport, R.I. Returning to Hamline he received his B.A. in 1922, then entered Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill., receiving his B.D. in 1925. He served student charges: York House in Waukegon and Bradley, Ill.



He married Barbara Elen Goppert August 15, 1925. Together they drove to Chandler, Ariz., his first appointment in this Conference. Continuing his education he earned an M.A. in Sociology from U.S.C. in 1931.

His was a balanced ministry devoted to making truths understandable through sermons, classes, work with church school, youth groups, Boy Scouts, Vacation Church School, Youth Camps. Mornings were spent in his study, afternoons and evenings calling on his people, in meetings, and trying to meet needs. People responded.

Family vacations were spent enjoying mountains, especially Yosemite, beaches, exploring California, our country, Canada and Mexico.

In W.W. II he served as an Army Chaplain with the 31st General Hospital in the New Hebrides and the Philippines.

Retirement brought volunteer work in Church and Community. His interests were as wide as the Universe. He studied world problems, history, Astronomy, Oceanography in classes, seminars, and reading. Personal physical crises were forgotten when passed and new plans were made.

Death came at the close of an enjoyable week during which he celebrated a granddaughter's birthday, attended an Oceanography lecture, enjoyed a family dinner at his daughter's, enrolled in a music appreciation class, went happily to sleep and awoke in the Beyond, Saturday, August 27, 1977.

As he desired, his body was cremated, his ashes scattered at sea. A Service of Memory August 31, in the First Methodist Church, Oceanside, was led by his son-in-law Stanley Gollery, Sidney Lawson and Russell E. Clay.

His wife Barbara, daughter Virginia Ruth Gollery, son, William Harold, a nephew Alfred Kenyon Butler, eight beloved grandchildren, Janet, Steven, John and Martin Gollery, Sharon McCart, Lori, Gregory and Jon Butler, survive him.

Barbara E. Butler