Obituary

Roy E. Pfaltzgraff, M.D.

Roy E. Pfaltzgraff, M.D passed away on March 1, 2010, at his residence in Pennsylvania, at the age of 92.

Dr. Pfaltzgraff was a graduate of North York High School, Elizabethtown College, and Temple Medical School. He served his internship at Lancaster General Hospital.

He served with the Church of the Brethren Mission from 1944–82, based at Garkida Hospital in north-eastern Nigeria, specializing in leprosy from 1954. After retiring, he worked for American Leprosy Missions (ALM) until 1991. Dr. Pfaltzgraff wrote many articles in various publications, coauthored a widely used textbook on leprosy, and participated in international meetings on leprosy. He received the 1997 Damien-Dutton Award in recognition for significant contribution towards the conquest of leprosy.

During his time with ALM he made many significant contributions to its work at home and overseas, including visits to many projects. He was an excellent teacher and on one occasion, while attending a course at ALERT as a participant, was able to stand in for a visiting lecturer who was unable to attend, covering the topic superbly.

He was a member of the Middle Creek Church of the Brethren, Lititz, PA, where he was Minister Emeritus. He was also a member of the American Medical Association, the International Leprosy Association, and the Brethren Peace Fellowship. In retirement, he enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

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