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# In Memoriam

Rev. Alfred M. Longmire, '24 B.D.  
JANUARY, 1981

Rev. Ray Marcus Miller, '26 B.D.  
AUGUST 22, 1990

Rev. Frances C. Wheaton, '27 Div.  
MAY 29, 1990

Rev. Jesse F. Perrin, '28 Div.  
OCTOBER 28, 2000

John William Nason, '29 B.D.  
NOVEMBER 17, 2001

Rev. David H. Sandstrom, '29 Div.  
FEBRUARY 10, 1996

Rev. Mulford Simonson, '29 Div.  
AUGUST 2, 1999

Rev. Marvin E. Rickert, '31 B.D.  
OCTOBER 5, 2001

Prof. Carl T. Bahner, '32 Div.  
FEBRUARY 18, 2002

Dr. Walter E. James, '34 Div.  
NOVEMBER 7, 2001

Mrs. Esther T. Barker, '36 Div.  
JANUARY 21, 2002

Rev. Edward Miller, '36 B.D. '42 Ph.D.  
MAY 17, 2002

Rev. Randolph Miller, '36 Div. '36 Ph.D.  
JUNE 13, 2002

Rev. John Bransford Nichols, '36 B.D.  
FEBRUARY 23, 2002

Rev. John T. Wriggins, '38 Div.  
DECEMBER 17, 1998

Prof. Waldo Beach, '40 B.D.  
FEBRUARY, 2002

Mr. Winthrop A. Wells, '40 Div.  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2001

Mrs. Eleanor C. Fishman, '41 Div.  
FEBRUARY 28, 2002

Chpln. Harold Howard, '41 B.D.  
DECEMBER 17, 2001

Rev. C. LeGrande Moody, Jr., '42 B.D.  
NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Rev. Dr. Bruce K. Wood, '46 B.D.  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

Phillips P. Moulton, '42 B.D., '49 Ph.D.  
JANUARY 9, 2002

Rev. Alfred B. Perry, '45 Div.  
MARCH 15, 2002

Dr. John Deschner, '47 B.D.  
JULY 28, 2000

Rev. Ronald E. Joiner, '47 B.D.  
OCTOBER 12, 2001

Rev. Norman G. Preston, Jr., '47 Div.  
NOVEMBER 26, 2001

Rev. William H. Bear, '48 Div.  
JANUARY 5, 2002

Rev. William R. Schorman, '48 B.D.  
DECEMBER 14, 2001

Rt. Rev. J. Stuart Wetmore, '48 Div.  
DECEMBER 28, 1999

Rev. Arthur Tuttle, Jr., '50 B.D.  
MARCH 21, 2002

Rev. Robert N. Yetter, '53 B.D.  
MARCH 2, 2002

Walter R. Hundley, '54 M.Div.  
JUNE 6, 2002

Rev. David J. Tivade, '54 S.T.M.  
NOVEMBER 8, 2001

Mr. Durrett Wagner, '54 B.D.  
NOVEMBER 21, 2001

Dr. Richard W. Wertz, '55 B.A., '58 B.D.  
FEBRUARY 22, 2002

Rev. Richard Arnesman, '57 M.Div.  
JANUARY 26, 2002

Rev. William Jacoway Hughes, '57 B.D.  
DECEMBER 4, 2001

James N. Nesmith, '58 S.T.M.  
JANUARY 14, 2002

Prof. Richard W. Wertz, '58 B.D.  
FEBRUARY 22, 2002

Rev. Robert William Thurston, '59 M.Div.  
JUNE 10, 2002

Stanley L. Harbison, '62 B.D.  
OCTOBER 2, 2000

Mr. L. Earl Shaw, Jr., '62 M.Div.  
APRIL 21, 2002

Rev. Robert L. Bergfalk, '64 S.T.M.  
OCTOBER 10, 2001

Mr. Buck Jones, '64 M.A.R.  
MAY 10, 2002

Rev. Amos C. Jones, '66 B.D.  
MAY 22, 1997

James McDermott, '67 B.D.  
FEBRUARY 2, 2002

Rev. Francis Cheney, III '71 D.D.BDS  
JANUARY, 2002

Rev. William E. Bliss, '72 M.Div.  
FEBRUARY 24, 2002

Rev. Kathleen Finney, '73 M.Div.  
APRIL 24, 2002

Rev. Dr. William G. Nigh, '74 M.Div.  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

Mr. James V. Hickey, Jr. '77 S.T.M.  
MARCH 29, 2002

Prof. Robert M. Good, '78 M.A.R.  
APRIL 5, 2002

Mr. John M. Russell, '80 Div.  
NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Dr. John W. Roffey, '81 S.T.M.  
DECEMBER 4, 2001



**Randolph Crump Miller**  
**Horace Bushnell Professor**  
**of Christian Nurture, 1952 - 1981**

Randolph Crump Miller, retired professor of divinity at Yale University, passed away on June 13, in Hamden, Connecticut.

Professor Miller was the Horace Bushnell Professor Emeritus of Christian Nurture at the Yale Divinity School, where he taught for 29 years.

Born in 1910 in Fresno, California, he was the son of the Reverend Ray Oakley Miller and Laura Belle Crump Miller. He earned his B.A. degree from Pomona College in 1931 and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale in 1936. He studied at the Episcopal Theological School and was ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1935.

After teaching at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and serving as vicar and rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, California, Professor Miller joined the Yale faculty in 1952, where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

A jazz enthusiast and expert, Professor Miller spoke widely on the theology of jazz, as well as on topics in theology and Christian education.

Days after Professor Miller's death, Brevard Childs, Sterling Professor of Divinity, offered the following reflection:

*I first heard the name of Randolph Miller when I was a student in the 1940s at Princeton Seminary. His books on Christian education were widely used as our standard texts. Miller was regarded as one of the few who continued to wrestle seriously with the theological implications of his discipline for the church.*

*When I arrived at Yale in 1958, the first lecture that I heard was one given to incoming students in an orientation session. Randy's topic was: "The Theology of Jazz." It was a delightful evening full of humor and wit.*

*He played a host of early phonograph records from the 20s, traced the history of American jazz, and introduced us to a largely unknown subject.*

*As a colleague, Randy was perhaps the most exuberant among the faculty. I cannot remember his ever criticizing a colleague. He had no enemies and was admired and loved by all. He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.*



**Robert Clyde Johnson**  
**Professor of Theology, 1963 - 1990**  
**Dean of Yale Divinity School, 1963 - 1969**

As Professor of Theology, Robert Johnson understood his calling not as a conveyor or arbiter of doctrine, but as a nurturer of theologians. Patiently, tenderly, gruffly, relentlessly, around the seminar table and in the hours that spilled over from the classroom, he led students to discover not just that they *must* but also that they *could* engage the fundamental theological dilemmas, whether they encountered these in the writings of Calvin and Barth or in the politics and pathos of the work of the parish minister.

As Dean in the turbulence of the 1960's—when assassinations, civil wrongs, unjust war, black power, sexual responsibility, governance of school and of church perplexed and embroiled us all—he knew himself called not to solve problems or to fashion administrative structure but to nourish theologians, as George Lindbeck once reflected.

More than once he converted routine faculty meetings into virtual seminars that raised our consciousness about the significance of contemporary developments. He mobilized serious theological reflection on urgent issues in all-school, Common Room "teach-ins." He movingly conducted the memorial service after a student suicide. He drove a station wagon load of faculty to Maryland to discover with the Woodstock Jesuit faculty that collaboration was possible; he organized inter-faculty conversations with Union Seminary in New York; and for many Saturday mornings, he summoned a faculty committee to a storefront church in Fair Haven to listen as local community leaders helped the School discern its vocation in New Haven.

The integration of coursework with personal and professional experience was a key goal during Johnson's deanship. "Field work" became "field education," and came to involve faculty of all fields. Throughout his term as dean, Johnson was an active member of the team that taught a field-based course "Work of the Parish Minister"—then regarded as a major course, largely because he thought so. To promote mentoring, some faculty moved their offices into student houses. In the system of Directed Studies, faculty groups of three pledged to relate their courses one to another and to meet regularly as a team with students taking all three. Plans were laid for a traveling seminar and for faculty to engage in on-site teaching.

Building intellectual ties with the broader university was paramount to Johnson. With great effort, he secured shuttle bus service between YDS and the central campus, and student enrollment "downtown" soared. Joint degree programs were established with the School of Art and Architecture and the School of Music (laying the groundwork for ISM). With Johnson's encouragement, David Duncombe launched a joint course for medical, law, and divinity students.

So obviously salutary was Bob Johnson's leadership that at the end of an initial term there was not even a formal reappointment review. But characteristically, he took the initiative, made his own assessment, and, perhaps inevitably, the teaching dean returned to full-time classroom teaching to the regret of everyone, except those who crowded his classes for the next two decades.

*James E. Dittes*

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