

## **Reverend A. John Roberts**

1933-2020

Rev. A. John Roberts, 87, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones on 09 February 2020 in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. John is survived by Ann, his wife of 63 years; and his children and grandchildren, Susan (Joe Reid), Matthew, Nathan and Stephen; Cathy (Ian Nason), Laura, Jan and Sean; and Beth (Glenn Rodgers) and Curran; as well as five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Jack and Gertrude; and his brother, Bruce. John grew up in Corner Brook, N.L., and was very proud of his Newfoundland heritage. He graduated from Mount Allison University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and worked with Imperial Oil for four years. He then attended Pine Hill Divinity Hall where he received a Master of Divinity degree. John was ordained into the United Church of Canada in 1964 and worked in ministry for 33 years. He touched the lives of many while working in pastoral charges across Atlantic Canada including Milford, Elliston, N.L., Pictou, Moncton, N.B., Halifax, St. John's, N.L., Bathurst, N.B., and Saint John, N.B. He was devoted to all aspects of church life including Conference and Presbytery, Chaplaincy, Ministerial Association, Order of St. Luke, and Pine Hill Alumni Association. Following his retirement John and Ann returned to Halifax to settle closer to family. He continued to serve the church in various ways. In 2004 he was given the honor of becoming a Minister Emeritus at Edgewood-Oxford (presently Hope) United Church. John's devotion to God and his family shone through with everything he did. He was well-known for his sense of humor but will be best remembered for the gentle and caring way he always put others first.

A celebration of life was held on 21 February at Hope United Church, Halifax, NS.