



Rev. Dr. Walter Douglas Cardwell, Sr.

June 23, 1912 - May 2, 2007

The Reverend Dr. Walter Douglas Cardwell, Sr., Age 94, went to be with the Lord on May 2nd at Robin Run Retirement Village. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky on June 23, 1912, the son of Hugh Chin and Jessie Young Cardwell. He graduated from Transylvania University and Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, KY, and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He also received an Honorary Doctorate from Christian Theological Seminary. An ordained minister for the Disciples of Christ, he served pastorates in Kentucky and Mississippi and then the United Christian Missionary Society for 33 years. He first served on the mission field in the Congo from 1945 to 1957, where he founded and directed the ministerial training school for the Disciples of Christ in Congo. After returning to the United States he served as Director of Interpretation, responsible for keeping the U.S. churches informed of the mission work abroad. Following his retirement, he wrote the first commentaries available in the local African language on most of the books in the Bible. Walter's life and ministry left this world a better place. Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Sue Webb Cardwell, five children, W. Douglas Cardwell, Jr. (wife Marilyn), Winston-Salem, NC, Janet Nelson-Arazi (husband Soli), New York, NY, Mary-Ann Schmutte (husband Jim), Muncie, IN, David W. Cardwell (wife Mary Louise), Indianapolis, IN, and Elbert H. Cardwell (wife Randi), Marietta, GA, seventeen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers Horace and Franklin Cardwell. Funeral Services will be held

Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, 5377 E. Washington St., with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until time of services. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the North American Liaison Bureau, Box 545, Penney Farms, FL 32079, for the Cardwell Scholarship Fund benefiting students at the Protestant University of the Congo.