

Obituary for Gordon Conwell Seminary:

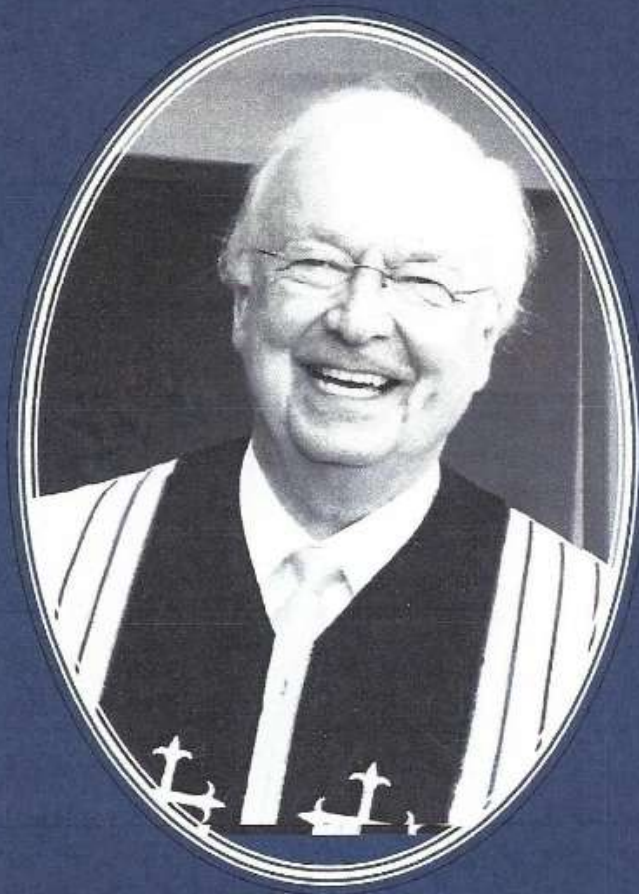
Mark Leroy Rohrbaugh

May 21, 1936 - April 9, 2025

Born in New Freedom, Pennsylvania, Mark graduated from Nyack College in 1957 and earned a Master of Divinity from Gordon Theological Seminary in 1961. He married Winifred Hoffman in 1961 and took his first pastorate at Stevens Mills Church in Auburn, Maine in the same year. He pastored Bethel Church in New Britain, CT from 1964 to 1970 and then chaired the New Britain Area Conference of Churches until 1976. From that year until 1985, he served as the General Secretary of the Christian Conference of Churches, an ecumenical state-wide organization in Connecticut with 2500 churches. In July 1985 he was called to pastor Morningside United Church of Christ in Inglewood, California, where he served a wonderful racially mixed congregation until his retirement in 2020. He also served as Protestant chaplain at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital in Inglewood for 20 years and officiated at hundreds of memorial services for families who did not have a church home, which he considered an extremely important part of his ministry. He very gently entered Heaven from his home in Rancho Santa Margarita, California on April 9, 2025 after a brief illness.

As a pastor, mentor, leader and friend, Mark was open, genuine, humble and kind, and he modeled God's love in person by extending a hand of friendship everywhere he went. He lived out his mantra that "The Bible is our Manual for Living," and he was loved and appreciated by everyone he served. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Bonnie, and their blended family of five children, eleven grandchildren, two great grandchildren and two godchildren.

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF
Mark Leroy Rohrbaugh



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*"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 8:38-39 KJV)*