

**Robert C. Lamar. Prepared by the Rev. Earl S. Johnson, Jr., Johnstown, NY
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I was saddened to hear about the recent death of Bob Lamar. He was a gentleman, an important part in the life of our presbytery, the Presbyterian Church (as a former GA Moderator) and a community activist. Bob was committed to the ecumenical community in the capital region (especially at Siena College) and dedicated to interfaith dialogue and cooperative action. He constantly made sure that we did not forget our responsibilities to our religious brothers and sisters.

As a member of Albany Presbytery he served as a mentor for many of us. His participation was always faithful to the gospel, he was strong yet sensitive, and when he spoke his words were reasonable and sensible, concerned about the wider church as well as individuals.

I remember one incident that stands out in my mind. For some reason I was assigned as his roommate at Silver Bay the year he was running for GA Moderator. Our room was a beehive of activity as Don Stake and other presbyters came in and out to plan his campaign. All I had to do was sit there and listen and what I learned served me well when I ran for Synod Moderator a few years later. You never know how God will choose to prepare you for what is coming next.

Bob Lamar's presence at meetings of presbytery and elsewhere was always one filled with spiritual depth, wisdom, and careful thought. We thank God that he ministered among us. He left us much to live up to and he is sorely missed.