

## **MEMORIAL FOR THE REV. ALAN BROKAW**

The Reverend Alan Edgar Brokaw, Honorably Retired member of Albany Presbytery, passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2019, in Thurman, NY, on his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Alan was born on September 26, 1930, in Newark, NJ. He graduated from Harvard University in 1952 and from Union Theological Seminary in 1955. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Morris and Orange on May 26, 1955, in his home church, St. Cloud Presbyterian Church, West Orange, NJ. He married Evelyn A. Brower on June 11, 1955, and they had two children: Keith and Kevin. He served the First Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, NY from 1955 to 1957, and the Greenbush Presbyterian Church in Blauvelt, NY from 1957 to 1962. During these pastorates he served on Presbytery committees and commissions and was a delegate to proceedings of the Synod of New York. He also served on the Washington County (NY) Mental Health Board, was a release-time teacher, and oversaw the beginning of the Orangeburg, NY, Presbyterian Church.

Alan laid aside his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 1962 and began a 35-year career working in the sales field, specifically supplying closures to the beverage industry. During that period of work in sales, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ramsey, NJ; served as pulpit supply in various churches in Hudson River Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Palisades in NJ; and was a Boy Scout pack and troop leader from 1967-1982. He retired with his wife to Thurman, NY, in 1998 and was restored to ministry by Hudson River Presbytery on May 20, 2000. Albany Presbytery received him as a member by transfer from Hudson River Presbytery on October 3, 2000, and designated him honorably retired at the same meeting. In retirement he served as moderator at several churches in the Presbytery, most recently at the Community Chapel of West Glens Falls, and has provided pulpit supply at a number of churches including the Community Chapel. His wife, Evelyn, died in 2018, after they had been married 63 years.

He is survived by his sons Keith (and wife Lesley) and Kevin, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

A funeral service for Alan was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Alexander Funeral Home in Warrensburg, NY.