

## **Rev. Arturo and Mrs. Carmin Ortiz**

Ordaining Presbytery: Cauca Valley Presbytery

Ordination Date: 1974 after completing a program similar to PAS

Churches Served: Preached in the countryside and farms of in the coffee regions of Antioquia and el Quindio, Colombia; he was pastor of Emaus-Buenaventura; Manizales; and San Pablo--Guacari CP churches in Colombia. They moved to Boston, MA, in 1984.

Offices Held: He married Carmen S. Linares in 1947, and they had five children--Stella, Myriam, Jorge, Ernesto, Betty and Milton

Information provided by the donor: Rev. Arturo Ortiz (1903 to 1994) "I have fought the good fight I have finished the race. I have kept the faith." 2 Corinthians 4:7. Our father was born on October 6, 1903. He surrendered his life to Christ in his 20s and became part of the first Cumberland Presbyterian generation in Colombia. From the beginning, he started preaching in the countryside and in the coffee farms. In 1947 he married Carmen. He was ordained in 1974 after completing a program similar to PAS. For those of us who have been raised by a Christian father, this is particularly significant, because we understand our faith through our earthly father's selfless love and sacrifice. He has given us a glimpse of our heavenly father's deep and unfailing love for his children. We honor his legacy.

Our mother Carmen was born on May 27, 1927 in Colombia, South America. She surrendered her life to Christ in her early teens. She learned about Jesus because of dad's preaching in the countryside and on the farms and then in the coffee fields. Mom was an excellent preacher's wife. She was involved in the women's ministry and was one of the founding members and elders of Casa de Fe and Alabanza of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Boston, Massachusetts, where she resides. We celebrate who she is--we see a God of Grace in her. If there is one quality of mom, that continues to shine the brightest, it is her joy in the Lord. After 94 years, she still awakes each morning and experiences God's steadfast love to her. God is her source of lasting joy and gladness. Years fly by, circumstances change, loved ones pass, difficulties persist, but God's love for his people in Christ is always faithful. We're grateful for the legacy our mother has given us. She is beautiful, special, loving, a great mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. We celebrate and honor her life!

Endowment provided by: Myriam Santizo, Stella Ordonez, Jorge Ortiz, Julio Ortiz, Betty Bravo, Milton Ortiz