

Bill & Earline Rolman

Columbia, TN



Ordaining Presbytery: Nashville

Ordination Date: July 29, 1962

Churches Served: Gasper River CP and Green Ridge CP (1959-1964), Fredonia CP (1964-1966), Munford PC (USA) (1966-1971), Smithville CP (1971-1973), Calvary CP (1973-1978), Humboldt CP and Double Springs CP (1978-1982), Brentwood CP (1982-1994), Good Prospect CP (1994-2005), Pleasant Mount CP (2005-2016), Mount Lebanon CP (2018-2022)

Offices Held: Moderator of various Presbyteries, Board of Cumberland Presbytery Children's Home, Committee on the Ministry (Denominational and Presbyterial), Committee on Session Records (Presbyterial), various other committees for Presbyteries and for General Assembly

Information provided by the donor: When I was 16 years old, I wanted to be a commercial airline pilot, but I knew that God was leading my life. I was raised in a Christian home, I had accepted Christ when I was eight years old, and I was active in the West Nashville Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At age 18, I knew that God was calling me to be a minister, which I did not want to do. Like Moses, I tried various excuses, but to no avail. I finally talked to my pastor, Rev. Vaughn Fults, and gave in to God's calling. At the 1958 Spring Meeting of Lebanon Presbytery (now Nashville), I came under the care of the Committee on the Ministry. That fall I entered Bethel College. In December 1960, I married my high school sweetheart, Earline Wall. The Lord has blessed us with 3 children and 5 grandchildren. In 1962, I graduated from Bethel and was ordained on July 29th. Over the years I have never regretted accepting God's call. After college I needed a break, so I did not go right to seminary. Our family moved to Kentucky and began our full-time ministry. Earline has always been involved in Bill's ministry and especially working with the young children, which she did for over 40 years. In 1966, we moved to West Tennessee and I entered Memphis Theological Seminary where I earned my Master of Divinity degree.

I served as a minister for over 60 years. We have many fond memories of the wonderful people that we have met and worked with through the years. Some of my fondest memories are from working with youth in church camps. I worked 42 straight years in these camps, and what a wonderful blessing it is to see these young people grow and become leaders in our churches. In October 2022, I retired from the ministry. I thank God for the many ways He has blessed me and my family.

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