

**Rev. Willard and Mrs Betty Murrie**



Ordaining Presbytery: Covenant Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Ordination Date: August 1942

Churches Served: Student pastorates at Fullerton and Dewitt, IL, Lexington and Maple Springs, TN. Full-time pastorates at Latta C.P. Church in Ada, OK; Highland C.P. Church in Paducah, KY; Mansfield C.P. Church in Mansfield, MO; Lenoir City C.P. Church in Lenoir City, TN; South Pittsburg, TN; Winchester, TN; Bethel C.P. Church in Kevil, KY; Gilead C.P. Church in Simpson, IL; Mt. Zion C.P. Church in Dongola, IL; and Frayser C.P. Church in Memphis, TN. Additionally, interim pastor of the Metropolis Presbyterian Church.

Offices Held: Willard was very active in a number of community and civic organizations and served on many advisory boards and committees, namely: Modern Woodmen of America, Omega Phi Fraternity, Vienna Masonic Lodge # 150 A.F. & A.M. and was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and the Ministerial Alliance in each community that he served as pastor. He was a founding member of the Vienna Area Christian Ministerial Alliance. Willard was a member of the Bethel College Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees at Memphis Theological Seminary

Information provided by the donor: Willard was active in the Vienna High School Retired Teacher's Association, the National Education Association, the Illinois Education Association, the Council of Exceptional Children, the Shawnee Development Council of Economic Opportunity (where Willard served as secretary of the Board of Directors), Illinois State Association of Community Action Agencies, the Johnson County Advisory Council, the Shawnee Resource Conservation and Development Council, Past-Chairman of the Shawnee R.C. and D. Forestry Committee. Willard served one year as the State Forestry Chairman for the Illinois State Association of Soil and Water Districts, former district Chairman for the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District, Tri-County Advisory Council of Soil and Water Conservation District, the Illinois Sheriff's Association, Johnson County Farm Bureau, Fruit Belt Service Company, Shawnee Wood Energy Product's Association, Shawnee Firewood Inc., and served on fundraising committees for the United Way, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association and the Shriner's Children's Hospitals.

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