



Rev. P. Tomlin

September 27, 2018

Rev. Mark P. Tomlin of Landisburg, PA, formerly of Zarephath, NJ (Somerset), died Sunday, September 23, 2018, at West Shore UPMC Hospital. He was born August 5, 1932 in Denver, Colorado to Wesley O. and Viola F. (Nichols) Tomlin.

Rev. Tomlin was educated in Pillar of Fire Church schools, graduating with concurrent Bachelor of Arts in history and religion and a seminary degree. He was a man of many talents and abilities, which he used in ministry throughout his life - singing and playing the trumpet and violin, teaching, preaching, and pastoring. He was involved in many and various aspects of church leadership and Christian radio broadcasting, as well as in writing, editing, managing, and publishing Christian media.

His passion was serving Christ and others, and he lived life with great enthusiasm for ministry and learning. Rev. Tomlin enjoyed good conversation, reading, gardening, and was an avid birder with extensive knowledge of bird calls and species identification.

Surviving are his wife of nearly 60 years, Cornelia; his daughter, Claudia Sheaffer and husband (Nate), and one granddaughter, Heather, all of Landisburg; a sister, Beatrice Derbyshire of Los Angeles, California; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and devoted friends.

He was preceded in death by three siblings: older brothers Luther and George Tomlin, and younger sister Florence Gross.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on September 29 at the Church of the Living Christ, Loysville, PA, with Pastor Doran Wray officiating. A graveside service and burial will take place October 17 at Zarephath, NJ.

Memorial contributions may be made for missions work t either Church of the Living Christ, 2401 Fort Robinson Rd., Loysville, PA or Zarephath Community Chapel, P.O. Box 9128, Zarephath, NJ, 08890.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Tomlin family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Goodbye Mark. Almost 70 years of great friendship. I saw you last at Zarephath. You were working in your garden. I just learned of your passing. See you soon.
Joe Maas

Johannes Maas - September 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mark was one of the friendliest people I knew at Zarephath. Even though he was one of the "old timers", he was always welcoming and open to new friendships. He was a wealth of history of ZA, and would fondly share his tales and anecdotes about POF life in the earlier days, but at the same time always looking forward to what the Lord was doing through the ministry now and plans for the future. Always thankful, joyful, and humble.

Nathaniel - September 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM