



## ***Reverend John Leroy Rauch***

*April 22, 1931 – May 20, 2020*

Was laid into the Arms of God on May 20, 2020 surrounded by his loving wife and daughters. P.J. or Pastor John as he was fondly known by his many, many friends, was born in Coalport, PA. The 8th child and only son of Pastor Jonathan Peter Rauch and Jennie Mae Bickart Rauch. At 2 years of age the family moved to Liverpool, PA. Many days were spent along the river where he acquired a great love of fishing and hunting. At 12 they moved to Orbisonia. He graduated from Huntington Co. High School In 1948, Juniata College acquiring A Bachelor of Arts In 3 Years graduating in 1951. A Masters of Divinity from United Theology Seminary in Ohio 1954, Then a Masters of Theology from Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. Served a total of 29 appointed churches in Western PA and Susquehanna Conferences during his active Pastorates. Johnstown, Punxsutawney (14 Parishes), Quincy, PA Methodist Church and Orphanage, 3 appointments in Harrisburg District, Chambers Hill, Millersburg Grace And Mount Calvary where he supervised the building of 2 new churches. Otterbein Methodist Fayetteville retiring in 1997. He was a visiting Pastor at Faith Methodist Church Waynesboro, PA for 11 years. From 2008-2013 was Chaplain at Providence Place Chambersburg, PA. Final retirement in 2013. John was very active in Yokefellow Prison Ministry when in Harrisburg area and started Franklin Co. Chapter while serving Otterbein. Almost 50 years total. He is survived by wife of 9 years, Joanne Hale Rauch, Daughters Colleen Kay Middour (Jake), Leanne Michelle Martinez (Luis), Step Children Faye Haas (Larry) David Johnson (Marsha), Son in law Anthony Wood. Grandchildren, Haley Rauch Martinez, Hunter Adam Martinez, Christiana Lynn Wood Hutchins, (Jake) Step grandchildren, Melissa Miller, Amanda Johnson, Amy Haas Bitner. 3 Step Great Grandchildren. Preceded in death by first wife of 58 Years, Lily Agnes Beck Rauch daughter Rebecca Ann Wood, grandson Kevin Wood, And step daughter Regina Hale Tappen. And seven sisters. A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations to Calvary United Methodist Church 150 Norlo Dr. Fayetteville PA 17222, Or Yokefellow Prison Ministry/ Carol Parsons 30 N. Main St, Mercersburg, PA 17236. [www.pennlive.com/obits](http://www.pennlive.com/obits)