



Louis O. Mitten

July 18, 1915 - August 4, 2012

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7-18-1915 – 8-4-2012 "Soon you will read in the newspaper that I have died.

Don't believe a word of it. I am more fully alive than I have ever been."

Dwight Moody On August 4, 2012, Rev. Louis O. Mitten heard his Lord, Jesus Christ, say to him, "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." And so he is!

Louis was born July 18, 1915 in East St. Louis, Illinois, to Grenville and Vera Mitten. After graduation from high school, in 1932, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp, and was stationed in Marsailles, Illinois. There he met the love of his life, Gladys Gabehart. They married September 19, 1937, and celebrated 70 years of marriage before Gladys' death in 2008. They had three children; son, Donald and daughters, Janet and Carol. Louis attended Anderson College from 1953-1958, and began pastoral ministry to Church of God congregations in Toppenish, Washington, Minot, North Dakota, Springfield, Colorado and Rapid City, South Dakota. He retired and moved to Anderson, Indiana in 1980. He enjoyed gardening and rock collecting. He also was a substitute teacher for Anderson Community Schools for five years. He volunteered with the Literacy Coalition, Contact Help, and taught Adult Education Classes at Park Place Church of God. He was a faithful member of South Meridian Church of God, serving in various ministries in the church. Louie was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gladys; brother, Robert; sisters, Bess Hartman and Marie Hammond; two great-grandchildren, Timothy Louis Mitten and Ian Vincent Mitten. Surviving are a sister, Vera Ditty of

Lancaster, Pennsylvania; son, Donald Sharon Mitten of Colorado Springs, Colorado; daughters, Janet Beatty of Anderson, Indiana and Carol Anderson of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and seven grandchildren, Jeffrey Cheryl Mitten, David Denise Beatty, Michael Dawn Anderson, Todd Mitten, Melanie Brian Bristol, Mark Mary Mitten and Seth Kathy Mitten. Also surviving are twelve great grandchildren, Justin and Colleen Mitten, Holly Ewald, Jessica Beatty, Christy, Coleman, and Caleb Anderson, Josiah, Hannah, and Sarah Bristol, and Samuel and Joshua Mitten; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 10-11:00 am on Friday, August 10, 2012 at South Meridian Church of God, 2402 Meridian Street; Anderson prior to the Celebration of Life service at 11:00 am. Memorial contributions may be made to South Meridian Church of God. It was Louis' wish to donate his body to Indiana University Medical Center. www.LooseCares.com

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Sorry to hear about the death & home-going of a dear man of God. Bro. Mitten, as we called him, officiated at our wedding for Ilene & Lou in 1972.

Louis Anderson - August 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Bro. Mitten & Shorty were pastors in Springfield, Co when I was a teenager and I thought a lot of both of them. I have a lot of fond memories of their time in Springfield and how they accepted and loved those of us who attended church there. They were a blessing to me and am so thankful that I got to know them. He is rejoicing in Heaven with Shorty and many others that have gone on before.

Sheila Emick - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Louis was a faithful and devoted father, and servant of God. May his legacy pass on to the generations of his family to continue his life of service to God and humankind.

James & Betty Albrecht - August 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ What fond memories I have of Louis Mitten and his dear wife: for the times of quartet singing with my father Monroe Rhodes, Louis's infectious laugh, his big bear hugs and the constant smile on his face showing the love of Jesus Christ. We know he is now with the Lord and the others that have gone before: his dear wife, family and my mother, Margie Rhodes. Love to the family from me and my father, Monroe.

Margo Rhodes Chalk - August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ So many wonderful memories of times spent with your dad and Shorty! Loved those two so much!! You, Jan, Carol, and Don, were blessed to have such an amazing example for a dad. I know you will all miss him so much ~ but just think of the reunion awaiting you one of these days!! Love and prayers to all of you!!

Eileen Clay - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I am so glad I got to be a friend of Louie. He was a mentor, an ear and an inspiration. Maxine D. McCord

Maxine McCord - August 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM