

**Rev. Harold L. "Happy"  
Hollister**

July 22, 1940 - August 13, 2021



Born July 22, 1940 in Hollisterville, PA, Reverend Harold L. Hollister was the son of the late Horace A. and Alta J. (Brown) Hollister. Rev. Hollister graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1957 and Lake Consolidated High School in 1958. He received a degree in sociology from Albright College, Reading, PA in 1962. He later received his Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.

He and his wife of over 59 years, Rev. Ruth A. (Black) Hollister, were married on June 16, 1962 in Maplewood, PA.

Rev. Hollister worked at 25 churches in over 45 years of ministry in Ohio and Central Pennsylvania, including Mont Alto, Quincy and State Line, PA. He was also very engaged with the Highland Park Youth Camp, Sellersville, PA, where he served as youth director, board member, Bible study teacher, and spiritual director.

He was a member of the York County Lions Club and served on the board of Quincy Village and New Hope Shelter, Waynesboro, PA. He also sang with the United Methodist Pastors Choir – The Chi Rho Singers and drove their equipment.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, Rev. James Hollister and his wife, Sondra of Ransom Township, PA, Mark A. Hollister and his wife, Brenda of Duncannon, PA, Shari R. Houdeshell and her husband, Ernie III of Waynesboro, PA and Laura M. Hollister and her wife, Erin of Carlisle, PA; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Verona Williams and her husband, Tom of Tunkhannock, PA; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bruce Hollister and three sisters, Elma Shaffer, Martha Ball and Bonnie Hollister.

**In Memorial of  
Reverend Harold L. "Happy" Hollister**

**Gathering**

**The Word of Grace**

**Greeting**

**\*\* Hymn**

*"Victory in Jesus"* UMH 370  
*This was one of Hap's favorite hymns.*

**Prayer in Unison**

*Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Harold Hollister, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Psalm read Responsively**

*Psalm 130* UMH p. 848

**Special Music**

The Chi Rho Singers

**Old Testament**

Isaiah 40:28-31

**Hymn**

*"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* UMH 381  
*This was sung at Hap and Ruth's Wedding.*

**New Testament**

Romans 8:18-28

**Remembrances of Family and Friends**

**Scripture**

Psalm 139:1-8

**Message**

**Rev. Cathy Boileau**, York District Superintendent  
*"A Hallelujah for Hap"*

**Hymn**

*"Blessed Assurance"* UMH 369

**\*\* Benediction**

\*\* Please stand, as you are able in body and spirit.

**Hymn**

*"Shalom to You"* UMH 666

*Please join the family in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for a meal.  
There is an elevator available.*

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