



Rev. Claude William Kelly

May 18, 2006

Rev. Claude William KELLY, Age 87, of Hamilton, died Thursday, May 18, 2006 at 6:03 a.m. at his home at Sunrise Assisted Living. He was born in Gastonia, N.C. on November 5, 1918 the son of Lonnie and Lula (Fox) Kelly. He graduated from Harding High School, Charlotte, N.C., Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C. and the Theological Seminary, Lancaster, PA. He married Katherine Bruckner on April 18, 1947 in Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Sandusky, OH. He was a minister in the United Church of Christ and held pastorates in Charlotte, N.C., Claremont and Catawba, N.C., Rising Sun, IN, Lansing, MI, South Amherst, OH and Hamilton, OH. He was a Mason for many years, a member of Hugh L. Bates Lodge No. 686, F.&A.M. and a member of the Knight Templars. While serving as pastor in Hamilton he was the Chaplin for the Hamilton City Fire Department. He is survived by his children: Claudia Kelly, Lafayette, IN, Cynthia Bare and husband Lee, of Kalamazoo, MI, Priscilla Barnett and husband John of Glendale Heights, IL; grandchildren, Thomas N. Thielen, Joshua Thielen, Kelly Barnett and John Barnett; a brother, David G. Kelly of Charlotte, N.C.; two step grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death of his parents and his wife Katherine B. Kelly. Funeral Service will be held Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at First St. John United Church of Christ, 412 S. Front Street with Pastor Valerie Garrick officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd., Hamilton with Masonic services at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. Memorials may be given to First

St. John United Church of Christ, 412 S. Front St., Hamilton, Ohio 45011,
where he was Pastor Emeritus.