

**Report of the Committee on Memorials  
To the One Hundred Forty-Second Council  
Of the Diocese of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic  
Of the Reformed Episcopal Church**

October 3, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Committee on Memorials serves the Council and the Diocese by collecting memorials of notable saints departed since the last meeting of the Council. The memorials listed below have been submitted this year.

**The Rev'd. Canon Jack Clark** of Davenport, FL passed into the loving arms of his heavenly Father June 2, 2022, of complications related to pancreatic cancer. Jack was born May 5, 1948, the second child of six siblings born to the late Robert and Betty Clark of Santa Ana, CA.

Fr. Jack's many career paths started with a stint in the Army's Special Forces where he made 25 jumps with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and played football for Army. His longest occupation was in the recreational boating industry working for Carlson, Fountain, and Donzi. He built boats for the James Bond movie series, the U.S. Defense Department and even two special personal boats for the late President George H. W. Bush.

Fr. Jack's final career move was to be ordained in the Reformed Episcopal Church where he became the first Priest and Rector of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Elkton, MD. He helped plant the new church in an abandoned church building, negotiated the price, built the altar and railing, assisted the Vestry, and supported the congregation there for ten years.

Fr. Jack attended Taylor University but completed his BS in Management and Organizational Development at Mount Olive. He also earned a Masters in Divinity, Pastoral Counseling, and recently Sports Psychology in 2021. His seminary training was at the Reformed episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA.

Fr. Jack lost his first wife, Shareen, who was the mother of his three children in 2012. He is survived by his loving second wife, Esther, sons Jedidiah (Jaren), Zachariah, daughter, Sarah Keniston (Robb), and eight grandchildren. He is also survived by his blended stepfamily, son, James Belliveau (Ciara), daughter, Christy Richter, and five step grandchildren. Jack is also survived by six siblings: sisters, Tanna King (Thomas), ella Burke, Ruth Day (Rich), Ginger Romero, Betty Nichols (Jeff), brother Robert Clark and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins all of whom he loved very much.

**Gerald F. Higham, II** age 71 passed away on July 4, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Susan (nee Allatt) for over 49 years. Gerald was the loving father of Gerald Higham, III (Amy), Andrew Higham, (Adelfa), Rebecca Higham (Kristi) and Joshua Higham. He will also be sadly missed by his grandchildren, Logan, Nathanael (Amaris), Eleasha, Thomas, Aiden, Christopher, Asher, Nicholas, Breyah, Charlie, LeeAnn, great grandson Acelyn, sister Judy Schwenk (Sonny), nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

Gerald was a US Navy Veteran who retired after 23 years of service. He was a longtime member of Trinity and St. Luke's/Bishop Hoffman Reformed Episcopal Churches, where he served as the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, Sunday school teacher, young people's leader, and on various denominational boards and committees. He also served as a scout leader for many years, enjoyed camping and jelly donuts, but most of all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Edward Allatt was born January 12, 1928 and died April 14, 2022, at the age of 74. Ed had been a clergyman in our diocese and was in the same R.E. Seminary graduation class with Bishop Gillin. He is survived by his children, Edward IV (Claudia), Benjamin (Stephan), and Joel (Carleytha), grandchildren Skylar, Makenna, and Joel, Jr., and his sister, Susan Higham. The funeral service was held at St. Luke's & Bishop Hoffman RE Church in Philadelphia

We thank God for these His children who have been a blessing to His Church for so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. David A. France, Chairman