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### **R**ev. Sperry Obituary

Reverend Arthur Clair Sperry, 83, of Elyria, died June 28, 2013 at his home. He was born August 11, 1929 in Streetsboro, Ohio, the youngest son of Arthur Gleason Sperry and Lorena Bosworth Sperry. Art graduated from Streetsboro High School in 1946 and from Hiram College in 1950 with a B.S. degree in Religion and Philosophy. He received a degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Oberlin Graduate School of Theology. He also had a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University School of Theology and a degree of Doctor of Ministry from Boston University. Dr. Sperry became a member of the North East Ohio Annual Conference in 1954. He served 40 years in United Methodist churches in Painesville, North Industry, Shreve-Newkirk, Canton, Simpson, Dover and First United Methodist Church in Elyria from 1985, until retiring in 1992. He served as District Secretary of the Canton District, and on the District board of Ministry. In the Cambridge District, he was the District Missionary Secretary, and also served on the conference nominating committee. In Elyria, he served on the board of the Samaritan Counseling Center, now Pathways Counseling and Growth Center. Art is survived by his wife of 55 years, Beverly A. (nee Lindsay) and daughters Linda and her partner Linda Chopra and Susan and her husband Dr. Allan Landes; brothers Donald Sperry of Tallahassee, FL and Elwood Sperry of Cleveland, TN. He was preceded in death by a brother Lyman Sperry. A service will be Friday, July 5, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in First United Methodist Church, 312 Third Street, Elyria, OH 44035 with Reverend Roger Talbott officiating. A committal service will be Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Burial Park, New Philadelphia, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church. Dicken Funeral Home, Elyria handled arrangements. For online condolences, visit [www.dickenfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickenfuneralhome.com)



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JB

**Jessica (Webb) And Les Bennett** posted:

We are very sorry to learn of Art's death. He lived a worthy and inspirational life.

July 10 at 8:00 PM

JW

**Jerry And Cheryl Webb** posted:

Our condolences at this time of great loss. May the many lives he touched keep his memory in many hearts as well.

July 7 at 8:00 PM

JH

**John Herzig** posted:

I have always admired Dr. Sperry and over the years, when he served the Dover church, had many funerals with him at Toland-Herzig Funeral Homes. We also attended a couple of meetings together and I had the utmost respect for him. He was a dedicated man who truly was the shepherd of his flock when serving his church. My grandfather, John Toland was a member of his church and great friend. Our sympathy and prayers to Dr. Sperry's family

July 4 at 8:00 PM

DG

**Diana Baab Gatz** posted:

To Beverly and Linda. I remember when your family moved to Shreve. It was a hot summer, and Beverly had to meet the new congregation being very pregnant with Linda. I remember times babysitting for Linda and going to Lakeside to babysit during the ministers' conference. I was shy about using the iron and lied about doing so: to the minister and his wife! Rev. Sperry was young and nice, an easy person to be around. I remember his activity with the MYF and our exposure to civil rights through his efforts. As a matter of fact, my sister Brenda and I spent time together this summer, and we talked about you Sperrys. Thanks for the good memories, and I hope they sustain you in your loss.

July 4 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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