

The Sarah J and Orville L Wright Mission Fund

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Just before he left to serve as an Army chaplain in the Pacific Theater during W.W.II, our father and mother were married on the campus of Harvard University on April 25, 1943. Together they shared a ministry that spanned 43 years, serving pastorates in Ohio, Illinois and Georgia. Dad was a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He taught that God's eternal love truly welcomes *all*. After his death, our mother continued as a Sunday school teacher, a lay preacher and, in her later years, as an elder.

Father's ministry to the needs and experiences of the widest diversity of soldiers during the war led him, upon return to the States, to leave the more conservative branch of the Christian Church in which he had been raised and his father, Will J Wright, was a pastor. Dad was a good preacher and a pastor who truly cared for his congregations. His talents included wood carving and sculpture. He had an infectious laugh. An account of his ministry has been preserved with the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

We remember mother recounting how, as a child in Sunday school, she would bring her nickel each week "for the missionaries in China." She taught her children to tithe. She had a zest for life, easily engaged with others, and enjoyed pretty things. Many recall her witness as a faithful disciple as she happily proclaimed to all, "God has been good to me all of my life."

Above all, Sally and Orville lived their lives in love of and service to the Lord. They raised their three children, Margot Zeglis, Jeff Wright and Wendy Wright, to love God and serve others. Together our parents set the example that justice is for all.

In honor of Sally (1919-2018) and Orville (1914-1986), their children and daughter-in-law (Janet Wright) established this fund to support the outreach mission of Heart of the Rockies Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Northern Colorado and throughout the world.