



This world will not be the same without our dear father, John Weaver. The Venerable John Jacob Weaver was born in 1911, and died July 5th, 2008. He was the son of Nora McNelly and Jacob Parker Weaver of Dayton, Ohio. He was a graduate of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. He received his Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Episcopal Theological School at Harvard 1939, and was ordained an Episcopal priest. He married Miss Jean Johnston Sawyer of Glendale, Ohio in 1948. They had five daughters: Mardie Daul, Liza Brickey, Jean Farmer, Linda Maloney and Sarah Jones.

Reverend Weaver was the Rector of Trinity Church, Troy, Ohio, from 1939 to 1947, except for a leave of absence during the war years. During WW2 he was Chaplain in the United States Army and was the Protestant Chaplain to Halloran General Hospital in Staten Island for one year. He then served in the European Theater of Operations for three and a half years. During this time, among other duties, he was Chaplain to the American Forces Network,

broadcasting his sermons to the troops each Sunday for three years. He also broadcasted regularly over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program of the British Broadcasting Corporation. He was the liaison officer between the United States Army and the Church of England and was Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend Geoffrey Fisher, on many momentous occasions, including the enthronement of 1945. On VE Day, John preached the sermon at Westminster Abbey in London. He is an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and was awarded the Legion of Merit for distinguished service to the United States Government.

From 1947 to 1964, John Weaver was the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit, Michigan. He opened the doors to people of all colors when he first arrived in 1947. He chaired the Measure I Campaign which would provide Open Housing to people of all racial backgrounds. Though it was defeated in the election, the Michigan Supreme Court overturned the decision. Reverend Weaver was interested in the healing ministry and began a regular healing service, which later developed into a fuller expression of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In 1966 Father Weaver and his family moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and he became the Archdeacon of the Diocese of California. He was the Director of Metropolitan planning. For many years he volunteered as the Chaplain to the Burlingame Police Department. His varied interests include a passion for the environment, art, world religions, mysticism and culture, and race relations. He was a man with tremendous vision and foresight not only for the world, but to those whose lives he touched. He will be greatly missed by not only his five daughters, 11 grandchildren, nieces and nephews, but also his deep and valued friends who hold him in such high esteem. He loved poetry and was a voracious reader. His joyful spirit and the way in which he valued all people will be greatly missed. His signature greeting, "Oh Happy Day" will be remembered by one and all.

funeral service: Sunday, July 13th at 2pm at the Bishop's Ranch 5297 Westside Road, Healdsburg. (707)433-2440

Donations in memory of John Weaver can be given to The Bishop John T. Walker School in Washington DC. www.bishopwalkerschool.org