



## David Thomas

November 11, 1921 - March 10, 2011

David Edwin Thomas, 89, husband of Maree O. Thomas, died Thursday, March 10, 2011 at the Lakes of Litchfield, Pawleys Island.

Dr. Thomas was born to missionary parents in Gunter, India on November 11, 1921. His parents were the late M. Edwin Thomas and Alpha Fisher Thomas. He was a Lutheran minister, as were his father and grandfather.

Graduated from Gettysburg College in 1942 and the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg in 1945, Dr. Thomas was ordained into the Christian ministry by the Lutheran Church in Maryland on February 12, 1945.

In 1945 and 1946 he served as an Associate in the Department of Welfare of the Washington (D.C.) Federation of Churches. He was a pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Wheeling, WV, from 1949 to 1952.

At the time of his death he was Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Newberry College, Newberry, SC. He also taught sociology at Capital University, Columbus, OH, in the 1950's and at Muhlenburg College, Allentown, PA, in the 1960's.

Having done graduate work at Yale University and Princeton University, Dr. Thomas was awarded the Ph.D. at Princeton Seminary in 1967. His teaching

areas of special interest were labor relations, the sociology of religion and race relations.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, three daughters: Susan Boyce (Michael) of Surfside Beach, SC, Carol Stone (Mark) of Oakton, VA and Jan Fratto (Fred) of Peachtree City, GA; eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peters Lutheran Church, 65 Crooked Oak Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

Memorial services will be held at 4:00 P.M., Saturday, April 9, 2011 at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Pawleys Island.

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Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of arrangements.