



## Ken Proefrock

March 30, 1928 - March 30, 2013

Carl Kenneth Proefrock

Ken Proefrock, 85, of Pawleys Island SC, passed away on March 30, 2013.

Visitation will be held at Goldfinch Funeral Services' Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel on Wednesday, April 3 from 5 to 7 PM.

Funeral service will be held at All-Saints Church on Thursday, April 4 at 11 AM.

Burial will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield IL

Carl Kenneth Proefrock was born in Petersburg IL to Carl Robert and Anna Lorraine (Hagel) Proefrock on March 30, 1928, the youngest of their three children. After high school in Springfield IL, he attended Carthage College in Kenosha WI, where received his BA in 1949. He then went on to attend the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary, where he earned his Master of Divinity in 1953.

He was a pastor in the Lutheran Church (now the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) from 1953 to 1966, and, during that time, he served at churches in Sacramento CA, Chicago IL, and Philadelphia PA.

In 1960, he was married to Margaret Muntz, who preceded him in death in 1984. Together, they had three children: Philip, Andrew (d. 2010), and Beth.

He left the ministry in 1966 to continue his career in other areas of public service. He worked as a community organization specialist for the New York City Housing and Development Administration from 1966 to 1968. He then went on to serve as Executive Director of the Model Cities Program in Manchester NH from 1968 to 1970. After that, he worked for the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County (NY) from 1970 to 1973, and then for the Mahoning Shenango Area Health Education Network in Youngstown OH from 1973 to 1978. He was Special Assistant to the Dean for the Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine from 1978 to 1979. He was Vice President at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo (now the University of Toledo Medical Center) from 1979 to 1988 and then promoted to Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs in 1988.

While at MCO, he was instrumental in developing the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) program, which served to bring medical students into smaller, rural clinics in the area to provide more real-life experience for the students and, at the same time, to help provide improved medical service to these communities. In addition to the northwest Ohio program, his involvement with AHEC also included serving on the boards for both statewide (Ohio) and national area health education network programs.

He was married a second time in 1988 to Janelle Dillon, who preceded him in death in 2001. He also became the adoptive father of her daughter, Liesl.

He retired in 1993, although he continued to work as a consultant in the fields he had worked in for the last decades of his career.

After retirement, he settled in Pawleys Island SC where he returned to

ministerial tasks, but always in an unofficial capacity. He was a special assistant to the clergy at All Saints Parish, Pawleys Island from 1998 to 2000, and then continued to lead Bible study and prayer groups and participate actively in his church.

Ken departed this life peacefully at NHC Healthcare, Garden City on March 30, 2013. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret (Muntz) Proefrock; his second wife, Janelle Dillon Proefrock; his brother, Arthur Lee Proefrock; and his son, Drew Davis (Andrew Michael Proefrock). He is survived by his brother Loren Wayne Proefrock; his son Philip Stephen Proefrock (Stacia); his daughters Elizabeth Ann Babcock (Scott); and Liesl Wall (Ja); and his grandchildren: Neil Sidney Proefrock; Theodore Carl Proefrock; Stacey Babcock-Vebenstad; Harper Dillon Wall; Jericho Hunter Wall; and Conrad Andrew Wall, as well as step-daughters Susan Jenkins (Doug); Sally Biondo (Frank); Mickey Resnick; and their children: Stephanie Burkholder; Scott Burkholder; Frank E. Biondo; Jessica Resnick; and David Resnick.

Donations in memory of Ken Proefrock can be made to: Mission Pawleys (An Anglican Mission Church), PO Box 3427, Pawleys Island SC 29585.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

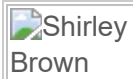
Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel  
202 Hinnant Lane  
Pawley's Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-1336  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
3560 Kings River Rd  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-4223

# Tribute Wall

 Shirley  
Brown

“ *To the Proefrock Family:*

*May loving memories always bring you peace and comfort. And may the strength that God provides, sustain you. (Psalm 46:1)*

*My condolences,  
SJB.*

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**Shirley Brown** - April 03, 2013 at 05:37 PM

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“ *Dear Proefrock family; we were very sorry to read of the passing of Mr Proefrock. We are never prepared for the passing of our loved ones, and this is because we were not created to die. Our Creator created mankind to live forever. Soon God will return the earth back to a paradise and Mr Proefrock will be able to live on earth eternally.*

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**P Dixon** - April 02, 2013 at 11:10 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ken Proefrock.*



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April 02, 2013 at 10:44 AM