

OBITUARY - DR. DAVID D. EITZEN

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Claremont, Calif. -

Burial and memorial services for Dr. David D. Eitzen, 73, long-time professor at the Southern California School of Theology here, took place July 20.

Dr. Eitzen died July 17 at the Pomona Valley Hospital after a long illness. The graveside service was held at 10 a.m. at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier. Rev. John Graber gave the message and the closing prayer was offered by Rev. Ken Peterson, Pastor of the First Mennonite Church of Upland of which Dr. Eitzen was a member. A memorial service was held in the afternoon at the Claremont School of Theology with five of his long-time associates participating.

A native of Mt. Lake, Minn., Dr. Eitzen was a graduate of Bethel College (Kansas) and a former teacher in Kansas high schools. He was an ordained minister of the General Conference Mennonite Church and at one time served as pastor of the Immanuel Mennonite Church, then located in Los Angeles.

He received the master's degree from the University of Southern California and became an instructor there while studying for the Ph.D. degree, which was awarded him in 1940. At that time he was named to the faculty in the school of religion, which later became the School of Theology at Claremont. He served as professor of psychology of religion, religious experience and pastoral counselling until his retirement in 1968. He was a member of numerous professional organizations.

Surviving are his widow, the former Amanda Heidebrecht; two sons, Stan of Fort Collins, Colo. and Abe of Pomona, Calif; six grandchildren; and two brothers, Peter of Mt. Lake and Alvin of Frazer, Mont.

Entered this life: Dec. 1, 1903  
Minnesota

Entered Eternal Life: July 17, 1977  
California

Memorial Services: Wed. July 20, 1977 - 2:30 pm  
So. Cal. School of Theology  
Claremont Chapel

Officiating: Dr. Gordon Michaelson