

**136 - A Tribute to Rev. Fred Kinzie - Feb 10, 2009**

Rev. Frederick E. Kinzie, age 95, of Oakleaf Village on Holland-Sylvania, passed away peacefully at Lake Park Rehabilitation Center on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

As pastor of First Apostolic Church, 5701 Sylvania for thirty years, from 1953-1983, he brought the church from a small group on Detroit Avenue to the large congregation that is now located on Sylvania Avenue. Rev. Kinzie was well known and loved in the United Pentecostal Church, International.

He served as presbyter of Section Seven, the northwest section of the Ohio District, UPCI for twenty-five years.



Bro. Kinzie formed the “Kinzie Evangelistic Party” with neighboring girls, Pat and Pam McQueen, early in the 1940's and traveled across the country in music and evangelist ministry for ten years. Their travels took them to all lower forty-eight states and they pioneered as recording artists in the Pentecostal denomination.

After his retirement in 1983, he began his next career as an author. He learned how to use a computer at age seventy and wrote five books, all of which were published by the Pentecostal Publishing House, Hazelwood, MO.

Rev. Kinzie was the loving father of one daughter, Cassandra, who participated in his care throughout his retirement years. Cassandra is the wife of J. Mark Jordan the Superintendent of the Ohio District of the United Pentecostal Church, International.

I became acquainted with the Kinzie Evangelistic Party in 1952 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sis Kinzie would play the accordion and sing ~ It's the kindness I've done that makes me happy, It's the sorrow I've caused that makes me sad. It's largely up to me, how happy I will be, for I cannot wear a smile and wear a frown. The Kinzies were always positive in presenting the Gospel.

I taught Youth Camp Bible School under Bro. Kinzie and the Ohio District Board at our Campgrounds, also known as Buckeye Lake, in Millersport, Ohio. There were a lot of memories made there. Recently a man in his 40's walked up to me in a restaurant in my City and said: aren't you Bro. Friend? You taught me in Youth Camp at Buckeye Lake 25 years ago. He was from Bro. Cook's church in Lancaster, Ohio.

I served with Bro. Kinzie on the Ohio District Board for 15 years. It was Bro. Kinzie's pen that would draw the lines on the Ohio Map dividing it into sections with a presbyter in each section. As the number of Ohio Churches grew there became a need for more sections. Bro. Kinzie would go back to the map and redesign the sections.

Bro. Kinzie was a special friend of mine. When problems of any nature would arise on the district board I would listen to what Bro. Kinzie had to say. He was always clear and level headed. He made it easy to see right from wrong.

I remember him saying: “The older ministers are dying and I find myself becoming the older one.” At that time I felt he was speaking too soon but later changed my mind. Bro. Kinzie, **The Legend**, is gone at the age of 95. I feel very sad. I salute my Hero and friend, Fred E. Kinzie, from Toledo, Ohio.

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