



Elwyn D. Schall

May 6, 1918 to Jan. 26, 1998

Odella Mae Schall

September 3, 1920 to February 24, 2017

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church: Elwyn and Odella were charter members of St. Andrew when it was formed as an EUB Church in 1954. Elwyn was involved in the building of the sanctuary in 1957. They both were lifelong active members.

Family: Elwyn and Odella M. Rigg were married in 1942. They have four children, Mrs. Janet Thompson, Mrs. Jean Gallagher, Mrs. Judy Burgholzer and Mr. James Schall. They have 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Recognitions, Activities and Special Interests:

Elwyn—He was the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner from 1965 to 1982. He was a Fellow and past-president to AOAC International, the professional society of regulatory chemists. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Roger Branigan on March 29, 1965.

Odella—She was a member of the Purdue Women's Club since 1946 and granted a lifetime membership in 2012. She found great pleasure in being a homemaker, mother, Sunday School teacher, seamstress, and a crafter. She and Elwyn also enjoyed many years camping and touring the country in their RVs..

Memorial: A stained glass window in memory of Elwyn was commissioned and dedicated on May 13, 2001. The window was first displayed at the west end of the main hallway of the Meridian Street Church and was then moved to the new church.

In memory of Elwyn and Odella, the family has established the Elwyn and Odella Schall Family Endowment Fund within the St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Annual proceeds from this fund will be split between special one-time facility needs and women's ministry needs, in honor of their long time involvement and participation in these programs.

Elwyn D. Schall, 79

Professor Emeritus Elwyn De-Laurel Schall, 79, of 108 Jordon Lane, WL, died at 5:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, in Heritage Healthcare Center, after an extended illness with cancer.



Schall

He was professor emeritus of biochemistry at Purdue University, former professor of agricultural chemistry, Indiana state chemist and seed commissioner.

Born May 6, 1918, in Montpelier, Ohio, he graduated from Montpelier High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from Ohio State University in 1940. He began graduate studies in the department of biochemistry at Purdue and obtained his master's degree in 1942. In June 1949 he earned his Ph.D. at Purdue.

He was a World War II Navy veteran, serving from June 8, 1944 until April 1, 1946. He was an electronic technician's mate 2nd class when he was discharged.

Professor Schall became a graduate assistant in agricultural chemistry at Purdue in 1940 and began his professional career two years later as an assistant chemist in the laboratories of the Indiana State Chemist. In August 1949 he became assistant professor of analytical chemistry and in 1956 advanced to associate professor of analytical biochemistry.

In 1961 he was appointed professor of biochemistry and in 1963 became associate Indiana State Chemist. He received an appointment as professor of agricultural chemistry on March 24, 1965, and he assumed the office of Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner serving until Aug. 25, 1982, and officially retiring from the university on June 30, 1983.

He was a Fellow and past president of AOAC International, an association of scientists, past president and life member of the Association of American Feed Control Officials, a life member of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials and the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials.

In 1974, he accepted a two-year appointment from the Bureau of Veterinary Medicine, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and in 1980 he received the Crop and Soils Merit Award from the Indiana Crop Improvement Association.

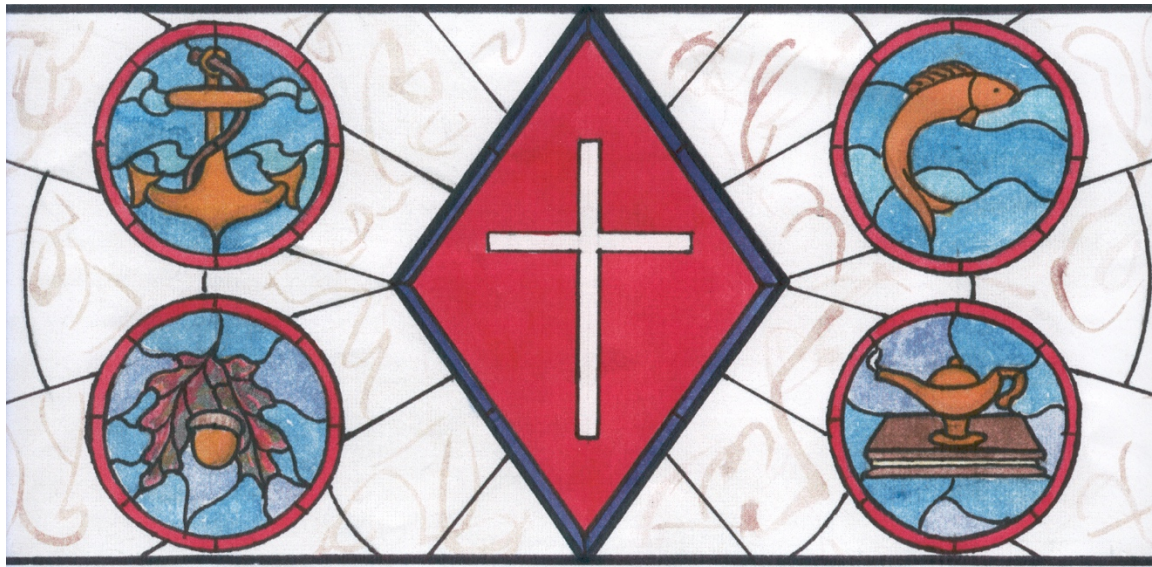
Professor Schall was a charter member of St. Andrew United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, a 52-year member of the American Chemical Society attaining emeritus status in 1980. He was a 39-year member of Lafayette Noon Optimist Club, before becoming ill in 1996.

He married Odella M. Rigg in Attica, Ohio, on April 3, 1942, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. David (Janet) Thompson of Stillwater, Okla., Mrs. Michael (Jean) Gallagher of Flossmoor, Ill., and Mrs. Thomas (Judy) Burgholzer of Elburn, Ill.; a son, James Schall of Fort Collins, Colo.; and a brother, Harry Kermit Schall of Findlay, Ohio.

SCHALL, Elwyn D.

Friends may call at Hippensteel Chapel 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Service at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West Lafayette, 1 p.m. Thursday, where friends will be received from 12 p.m. until the service time, the Rev. Tim Burchill officiating. Interment Tippecanoe Memory Gardens. Twelve grandchildren, Devin, Darin and Colleen Thompson, Brian, John and Kelly Gallagher, Scott and Amy Burgholzer and Tyler, Caitlin, Andrew and Laurel Schall; 1 great-granddaughter, Alexandra Thompson, survive. Those desiring memorials may contribute in memoriam to American Cancer Society, St. Andrew United Methodist Church or Visiting Nurse Hospice.



Symbols of the Schall Window:

Anchor: (Hebrews 6:19) An anchor is a symbol of stability in troubled seas. It is also a symbol of the security Jesus affords us amidst the trials of life. We are confident that whatever the situation, “the anchor holds.”

Oak Leaf & Acorn: (Psalms 1:3) The oak represents a deeply rooted faith as well as endurance in the face of life’s storms.

Fish: (Luke 5:9-11) The fish is one of the earliest symbols for Jesus Christ. Early Christians used the image of a fish as a primary (and at times secret) symbol of their allegiance to the risen Christ.

Lamp: (Psalms 119: 105) An oil lamp and book represent, not only knowledge, discipline, and enlightenment, but to the disciple of Jesus Christ, they also symbolize the Word of God which is “a lamp unto our feet”.

Cross: The central image of the Christian faith. At one and the same time it symbolizes the sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf –the depth of sin that demanded that sacrifice, and the breadth of love behind that sacrifice. As an empty cross it reminds us that our Lord is alive and present with us. It is worth noting that the cross stands at the center of the other symbols. It is a physical reminder that God wants Jesus Christ to stand at the center of our lives.



Stained window as displayed at 333 Meridian St. in June of 2007