

To this union were born 4 children: daughter, Brenda Louise (11-19-46), daughter, Sylvia Marie (5-12-49), son, Eldon David (6-23-50), and son, John Timothy (6-29-53). Martha's special abilities were being a secretary and music.

Pastor Roever attended Wartburg College, Waverly IA, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1942. He received his diploma from Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA in 1945 and was ordained June 10, 1945 by the ALC.

Pastor Roever's pastorates include St. Paul's, Hampton, IA May 1945-July 1947; Mt. Zion, Conover, NC July 1947-1972. He transferred to the LCA May 23, 1969.

Other appointments and responsibilities were serving on the Regional Home Mission Committee and secretary of District Committee on Charities.

"My Brief Biography" is a short synopsis of Pastor Roever's decision to enter the ministry which was provided by the archives of the ELCA. It is printed exactly as he wrote it:

"I was born on a farm near Janesville Iowa on August 4, 1919. My parents names being, Wm Roever and Mary Voigts Roever. On August 31 I was baptized by Pastor E. H. Rausch. My christian name bestowed at this time was Eldon Dietrich.

When nearly six years of age I enrolled in St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School which I continued to attend until my confirmation on March 18, 1934 by Pastor R. C. Schlueter.

I received my entire grade and high school training at Janesville Consolidated School, with the exception of the seventh grade when I attended St. Paul's Parochial School.

The thought of entering the ministry has been in my mind for many years, but I began to think most seriously of it during my Junior year in High school. I spent one semester studying about the ministry, and after this study completed a term paper entitled 'The Ministry.' It

was the opinion of some of my teachers that after a careful study of the subject, especially the sacrifices to be made, I would perhaps change my mind. This study however had the opposite influence on me because after its completion I was convinced more than ever that I wanted to dedicate my life to this type of work. I graduated from high school on May 19, 1938.

In the fall of 1938 I enrolled in the Pre-Theological department at Wartburg College and have attended since that time. Up to the present time I have completed three years and nearly one-half of my fourth year of college work."

CHESTER M. PATTEN 1971 - 1978

(from the Clergy of the ALC Biographical record Code #P-0352)

Chester Patten was born December 23, 1923 at Butler, PA, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee O. Patten.

Chester graduated from Gibson Senior High School, Butler, PA in 1942. He attended Capital University, Columbus, OH 1942-1945 graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree and majoring in Sociology. He graduated from Capital University Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1948 with an Exegetical major.

Pastor Patten was ordained into the holy ministry, September 12, 1948. The ordaining body was the American Lutheran Church.

He has served in the following positions: pastor of Immanuel, Moses Lake, WA Sept. 1948-April 1951; Asst. Youth Director of the ALC, Columbus, OH April 1951-Aug. 1959; Youth Director-ALC, Columbus, OH Aug. 1959-Dec. 1960; Asst. Youth Director of the ALC, Minneapolis, MN Jan. 1961-Dec. 1961; Pastor of Ascension, Eau Gallie, FL Dec. 1961-Aug. 1969; Pastor of Mt. Zion, Conover, NC Aug. 1969-Oct. 1978; Pastor of Emmanuel, Seguin, TX Oct. 1978-his retirement in 1988.