



# Dr. Franklin Shannon

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### **G**arrettsville

Dr. Franklin Shannon died at University Hospital, Portage Medical Center in Ravenna, Ohio on June 15, 2023, following a serious infection. He was 89 years old. He was born to William Eckert Shannon and Lucille Usher Shannon on January 17, 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio. When he was five years old the family moved to Lakewood where he graduated from Lakewood High School on his eighteenth birthday. Mr. Shannon was well known in Cleveland music circles as he played in the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, Cleveland Symphony Summer Orchestra, and the Cleveland Municipal Band. He also played in several other symphony orchestras. He was a life member of local four, Cleveland Federation of Musicians (American Federation of Musicians).

He was a graduate of Marion College (Indiana Wesleyan University), West Chester State University, Dallas Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Theological Seminary. He taught music in the public schools and served as head of the music departments of two colleges as well as teaching Theology, Bible and Pastoral Ministry and also serving temporarily as President of one school..

After serving thirty three years as a pastor in the United States in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kansas, New York and Ohio, he went to the former Soviet Union for twenty two years, teaching Theology, Bible and Pastoral Ministry in Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. He was the founder and President of the Voronezh Theological Seminary in Voronezh, Russia. In recent years, he spent time teaching in Haiti and the Philippines.

He served as the founder and President of Cooperative International Studies, an international consulting firm in Christian higher education until the time of his death. Dr. Shannon was also a life member of the Trinitarian Bible Society and the Wesley Historical Society. He was an authority on early Methodist Theology.



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Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, William E. Shannon and Lucille Shannon, a brother William E. Jr. and his wife Virginia of forty four years. He is survived by his second wife Nenita of Garrettsville and his daughter Kathleen (Joe) Blair of Haviland, Kansas.

Visitation Sunday, June 18, 2023 2:00-6:00 PM at Green Funeral Care, 4668 Pioneer Trail, Mantua.  
Funeral Service Monday 11:00 AM, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 190 W. Streetsboro St., Hudson. Burial Balltown Cemetery, New York.



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**Ivy Nisperos** posted:

To my stepdad Franklin, I thanked God for giving me a first time stepdad like you. So caring and so loving. You will never be forgotten. Thank you so much for everything. We will see you in heaven. Ivy Nisperos

June 27 at 5:37 AM

JH

**John D. Hood** posted:

Dr. Shannon was also a beloved and respected member of the Ohio Association of the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference since the 1980s and served as our Mission Chairman many years. He helped establish our Association. He faithfully served our Lord and Savior his whole life. In Russia he founded a Christian Seminary and his students carry on the evangelical ministry in that nation. His monthly Prayer Letters lifted up thousands of prayer requests from those in Russia, the Philippines, and Haiti as his concern for others always dominated his thoughts and prayers. He raised money for those in need at the expense of any comforts of his own. He was a true patriot who loved our nation and warned of our demise and bent for socialism. He spoke and taught Biblical truths with exacting scholarship and care. As he shared insights there was a twinkle in his eye as well as deep concern. He was truly a man of God who is now enjoying the blessings of his Master's Presence. We will miss him greatly. May the Lord sustain and comfort his wife, daughter, and loved ones and all those to whom he faithfully ministered. John D. Hood, OACCCC Moderator

June 27 at 5:37 AM

KB

**Kathleen Blair** June 27 at 8:20 AM

Thank you for this beautiful addition to the obituary. He wrote his own obituary years ago, so it is lacking in more recent details. The 4Cs was an important part of his life, as was his missionary work. Kathleen Blair



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