

Richard Sutterlin went home to his Lord on February 23rd, 2010. He was born February 12, 1927 in Phoenix, Arizona, the youngest of three children.

His strong tenor voice and musical training were an asset to choirs all through high school, college, and life. Richard graduated from the University of Redlands at the age of 19. He then attended Berkley Baptist Divinity School and graduated in 1949. It was there he met Cora Mae to whom he was married for 62 years.

He spent his life following God's call by serving American Baptist churches in Washington, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, and Colorado. Most summers, Richard would direct summer camp programs for youth.

Always ready to help and participate, Richard was a longtime member of Kiwanis Club and served more than once as local president. After retiring from 11 years with the State of Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Richard returned to his calling as pastor.

For 16 years he served interim ministries as pastor to churches in New York, Colorado, Illinois, South Dakota, Idaho, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Finally retiring to Bozeman, Richard served as his church contact for Love In the Name of Christ, and on the board of Gallatin Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Richard is survived by his children, Carol Day of Mystic, Connecticut, Eileen (Ward) Guthrie of Bozeman, Montana, Lee Sutterlin of Byers, Colorado, and Steve (Carrie) Sutterlin of Brighton, Colorado; seven grandchildren, and two great grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, March 20, 2010, at First Baptist Church, Bozeman. In lieu of flowers, donations in Richard's memory may be made to Love, INC.