



Rev Paul Austin Callender Sr. was born 29 Jan 1900 in Carverton, PA to Clark Stephen Callender and Ida May Miller. Paul comes from a long line of pioneer farmers who settled in central Pennsylvania. His father started out as a teacher, eventually becoming the Superintendent of Public Schools in Luzerne County, PA before he felt the call of the ministry, a calling he passed on to five of his sons and all of them became Methodist ministers.

In 1922, while attending Boston University and student teaching at the Walpole Methodist Church, Paul met Ada Elizabeth Pember and after a yearlong courtship, they married 19 June 1923. From this marriage came two children, Paul Jr. and Ada, seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

After 40 years in the active ministry, Paul and Ada retired in 1965 to St. Petersburg, FL. One of his main retirement hobbies became making stain glass figures and over the next 30 years he made over 650 different pieces, including holiday candles, boy and girl figures and nativity sets. Ada passed away in 1993, just short of their 70th wedding anniversary and Paul died 17 May 2005. Their ministry across the years brought a richness to all of our lives beyond what words can tell.

