

In Memory of Paul Froese, Sr.

On April 17, 2002, heaven received a great saint and warrior for the kingdom of God.

Paul Froese was born in Belleville, Illinois, on August 22, 1912, to Theodore and Rosina Froese. He was filled with the Holy Ghost in 1928, and shortly thereafter began his ministry. He evangelized with his brothers and sisters throughout the Midwest before attending Bible school in Louisiana, Missouri, and Dallas, Texas.

In 1937 Brother Froese married Eileen Wolff. The following year he was asked to become interim pastor of his home church, the Apostolic Church in Belleville, Illinois. Shortly thereafter he was elected pastor of the

church, and remained there for nineteen and one-half years. In January 1958, he accepted God's call to go to Pinckneyville, Illinois. He pastored the First Pentecostal Church of Pinckneyville for thirty-eight years, retiring in 1996.

Brother Froese was the first youth president of Illinois after the merger of the Pentecostal Church, Incorporated, and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Jesus Christ in 1945, forming the United Pentecostal Church. He also served as district Sunday school director in the 50s and was the first foreign missions director in Illinois, a position he held until 1979.

Brother and Sister Froese have

five children; Ruth (Dehne), Paul, John, Deborah (Fritchley), and Marie (Sawyer). He enjoyed thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Froese was a "fixture" at the Illinois District Camp. He worked at the camp from 1943 until shortly before his death, and was involved in the construction of both the Murphysboro camp and the present facilities at Wapella. When he was not involved in the tabernacle he could be seen riding his motor scooter, and later his golf cart, across the grounds, working security or helping any way he could.  

